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GERMAN SITUATION.

BERLIN, March 24.

The Trade Unionists and Socialists have issued a manifesto recommending the workers and officials throughout Germany to resume work owing to the government's pledge to withdraw the troops from Berlin, to abolish martial law, and not to attack armed workmen, particularly in the Ruhr Region.

Meanwhile Reuter's Paris man states that German officers representing the Ebert government have arrived and interviewed Millerand, asking permission to send the governmental troops to the neutral zone to restore order. It is reliably stated that the Allies have decided to give the permission, coupled with necessary guarantees for the subsequent withdrawal of the German troops. A possible explanation of this conflicting information may be that the situation in Berlin has changed since the despatch of the Germans to Paris, causing the Ebert government to revoke the policy involving the sending of the troops to Ruhr. It is noteworthy in this connection that France is most anxious that order should be speedily restored at Ruhr as the continuation of her industries largely depends upon the coal therefrom.

LONDON, March 24.

While the Spartacists of Westphalia are having increasing successes, the Ebert government has come to terms with the parties of the Left at the cost of further sweeping concessions. A purely Socialist government will be formed, to re-establish order and hold the election, while the Reichswehr will be replaced by workmen's guards. Bauer goes to the Ruhr region to negotiate with the workmen there. The Reds claim to hold the line Dorsten-Halten, thus threatening to cut off the government troops at West.

BERLIN, March 24.

It is officially stated that von Luttwitz and Admiral von Trotha are arrested. Kapp and other ringleaders have disappeared, and arrest warrants have been issued for them. Their property is provisionally being seized, and their trial beginning in their absence.

COLOGNE, March 24.

The troops driven into the British lines at Solingen, as mentioned on March 17, have been interned at Dellbruch under a British guard.

PARIS, March 24.

Mayence reports that fighting has begun at Duisburg between the German insurgents and the Belgian occupying troops.

BERLIN, March 24.

Bauer telegraphed the communist committee at Hagen, Westphalia, promising to cease movement of troops if the Soviet government were definitely repudiated and constitutional authorities reinstated. If the workers would lay down their arms and work. Otherwise the government would be unable to obtain food from the Entente or from Holland.

BERLIN, March 24.

The communists in the western industrial regions are extending their operations towards the Dutch frontier with the object of securing food-stuffs which are most scarce. In return they offer coal. The Dutch authorities refuse to recognise the communists. Berlin remains quiet, except for scuffles in the working-class quarters where there is a food shortage. The railways are resuming to-morrow. The government has ordered the removal of all reactionary officers from the army.

PARIS, March 24.

The German military mission has arrived to request the Allies to authorise the German government to despatch 108,000 troops to police to Ruhr. A semi-official announcement on this subject that such despatch is unnecessary since normal conditions are being restored under the workmen's councils. Moreover, it is more likely to revive the conflict than otherwise.

HOME MINERS BALLOTING.

LONDON, March 24.

The miners' federation has advised the government of the rejection of the latter's offer and offered to re-open negotiations with the Cabinet. Mr. Lloyd George replied that the government had no further communication to make to the federation, consequently they are arranging for a ballot of the miners on the question of a strike in all the coalfields. It is expected that the result of this ballot will not be known before Easter.

LONDON, March 24.

The miners' federation has confirmed the executive's rejection of the government offer to increase the daily wages of men by eightpence and of boys by sixpence, with alternatively a twenty per cent. increase on the gross wages on the Sankey pre-war rate. The executive was instructed to renew the present demand.

LINCOLNSHIRE HANDICAP.

LONDON, March 24.

The Lincolnshire handicap was won by "Furious" at 33 to 1. Scotwell was second, at 20 to 1. Monteth, starting at 9 to 1, finished third; 29 ran. Three lengths and half a length divided them respectively.

GENERAL RAILWAY STRIKE IN SPAIN.

MADRID, March 24.

A general railway strike has begun throughout Spain. Hitherto there have been no disturbances.

MRS. HUMPHREY WARD DEAD.

LONDON, March 24.

Mrs. Humphrey Ward, author of "Robert Elsmere," and much other popular fiction, has died at the age of 69. She was a grand-daughter of Dr. Arnold of Rugby, and was born in Tasmania. Her home was at Tring.

GUN SALUTES.

Returned soldiers in Perth, Western Australia, are incensed because a salute of guns for the new Governor was not reduced in force as much as promised. Mr. Knowles, secretary of the Returned Soldiers' Executive, said: "We were promised from Melbourne that the salute would not be harmful to shellshocked soldiers, but if orders for reduced strength were given they take other steps to absolutely prevent the firing of a salute."

Indisputable evidence of the harm caused by the salute. One soldier working in St. George's Terrace, who suffered from shell shock, was completely thrown off his balance. He behaved in a dangerous manner and would not be content until he had locked himself in a strongroom. Another collapsed immediately the firing commenced, and was not normal for the rest of the day. Further similar instances could be quoted. The promise given to be shellshocked soldiers, but if orders for reduced strength were given they take other steps to absolutely prevent the firing of a salute."

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE UNREST IN GERMANY.

BRUSSELS, March 23rd.

A Telegram from Aix-la-Chapelle confirms that all towns and important points on the Ruhr are guarded by armed workmen. Governmental troops, numbering 20,000 to 30,000, have been withdrawn to the left bank of the Ruhr, and are now concentrated around Wesel. The approaching army of Communists outnumber the Governmental troops by four to one. It is reported that a battle is in progress.

BRUSSELS, March 23rd.

The city is resuming its normal condition. The railways and posts have been resumed, and the shops re-opened. A violent Spartacist attack on the Town Hall at Quadenburg was beaten off by the troops who retook the railway. Very heavy losses were sustained on both sides. The Governmental troops have recaptured Halle after two days' artillery firing.

COPENHAGEN, March 23rd.

Newspaper reports from Berlin say that the Communists of Westphalia have formed an army of at least 10,000 men, equipped with machine guns and armoured cars. They already hold a dozen small industrial towns.

COPENHAGEN, March 23rd.

A message from Hamburg states that Admiral Meurer has been released. The naval men at Kiel, who arrested their officers, demand to choose their own officers, otherwise they will disband. As the Defence Minister has ordered the units of the forces to be kept together under all circumstances the demand will be granted. Meanwhile, the Navy has placed itself at the disposal of the Government, if necessary, to combat the revolt of the Left extremists.

A message from Essen says that the Revolutionary Council claims that the revolutionists hold the entire industrial region, and a Red Army, of fifty-thousand, is victoriously approaching Wesel where is the last remnant of the Regular troops.

BRUSSELS, March 23rd.

Heavy fighting between the Regulars and the insurgents has taken place to the north of Spandau. Regulars bombarded the village of Henningsdorf, and drove out a strong band of insurgents after a violent house to house fighting. Many insurgent casualties are reported. Violent fighting also took place at Adersdorf, near Potsdam. Troops advanced as far as Koepenick where they restored order.

BERLIN, March 23rd.

Herr Ebert has accepted Herr Noske's resignation which is due to pressure from the workers and also to his failure to nip the Kapp plot in the bud.

LATE.

Noske has resigned and the Independent Socialists have demanded the formation of a Labour Cabinet.

DEMONSTRATION AT CORK FUNERAL.

LONDON, March 23rd.

The funeral of the Lord Mayor of Cork was attended with the most remarkable scenes. All the police and military were withdrawn from the streets, and 8,000 Sinn Fein Volunteers, wearing Republican uniforms, and 900 priests headed the two-mile long procession. All denominations were represented, and work was suspended in many of the shops. A detachment of troops was mobbed by a crowd in Dublin. The troops replied with a volley, killing two and wounding several.

ARGYLLSHIRE BY-ELECTION.

LONDON, March 23rd.

In the Argyllshire by-election, necessitated by the appointment of Sir W. Sutherland as Junior Lord of the Treasury, the result was:—

Sir W. SUTHERLAND (Coalition Liberal)	10,187
The Rev. Major MacDONALD (Labour)	5,496
Co. Liberal Majority	4,691

[In the last Election, Sir W. Sutherland, for sometime Private Secretary to Mr. Lloyd George, had secured 11,970 votes as against 2,783 given to the Labour candidate, Mr. I. MacNeil Weir.]

CANADIAN NAVAL MYSTERY.

OTTAWA, March 23rd.

A semi-official statement confirms the statement that the Government has decided not to proceed with Lord Jellicoe's programme; consequently, it demolishes the nucleus of the crews, dismantling the dockyards. The Naval College refuses Britain's offer of warships.

REVIVING THE HAMBURG AMERIKA.

NEW YORK, March 23rd.

The American Steamship Owners' Association has passed a resolution, unanimously, opposing the allocation of 150 American-owned ships to the Hamburg-Amerika Company's routes in accordance with the recent vote of the Senate Commerce Commission.

The resolution mentions the report that the Hamburg-Amerika Line is trying to obtain an agency for American ships which will be operated so as to re-establish the Hamburg-Amerika's business throughout the world.

SENSATIONAL SINGAPORE DIVORCE.

LONDON, March 23rd.

In the Divorce Court a divorce nisi was granted to Mrs. Jessie Winifred Niblett on the ground of bigamy and adultery of her husband Mr. William Charles Niblett, a barrister, formerly of Singapore. Counsel for the petitioner who is insane and presented her petition through her sister, stated that soon after the couple arrived at Singapore, the petitioner discovered that her husband had resumed relations with his former mistress. She returned to England and subsequently developed suicidal tendencies and was admitted into an asylum.

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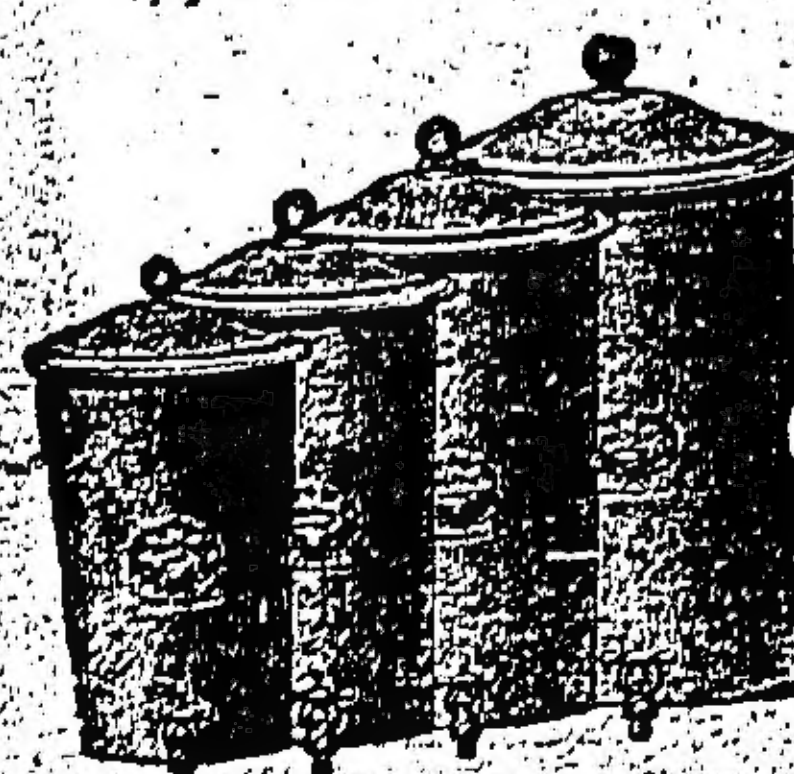
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THE GREAT COTTON
BOOM.IS LANCASTHIRE A MODERN-EL
DORADO?

[By Sir CHARLES W. MACARA.]

The great boom in the cotton in-
dustry of Lancashire has led to the
sale, and in some cases the resale, of
many of the largest mills in the trade.
The prices paid have been very high,
and the mills are now being refitted.
A fear has been expressed in some
quarters that owing to inflation of
values the industry is in danger of
being ruined. Sir Charles W. Macara,
who is recognised as one of the great-
est cotton experts in the world, states
in the following article some of the
causes of the boom, and expresses the
opinion that properly controlled, even
at the enhanced values, the Lancashire
cotton industry has before it a period
of great prosperity.

To the general public Lancashire
to-day is a modern El Dorado, where
thousands of people of lowly position
are daily reaching a condition of
affluence as the result of the great
cotton trade boom. Certainly large
fortunes have recently been made in
the cotton trade; and in the advan-
tages of this boom I hope many of the
working class have shared; but the
public at large has only a very hazy
idea of what has brought about the boom.

The boom is nothing more nor less
than a re-valuation of cotton mills.
Owing to circumstances I shall refer
to later, many of the Lancashire cot-
ton mills have been sold at greatly
enhanced values, but it is altogether
erroneous to say they have been sold
at many times their value.

I do not approve of the methods
that have been in vogue in the past
where the ordinary share capital of a
concern is a small proportion only of
the capital required to run the busi-
ness. In good times this may be an
advantage, but in times of adversity,
which come to all industries, it may
mean the wiping out of the ordinary
shareholder to pay the loan holder.

THE MEN WHO PROFIT.

In this great change which is taking
place in the valuation of mills the
whole of the enhanced values go to
the ordinary shareholders; and it is
obvious that the smaller the amount
of share capital the greater is the
amount of profit realised by the share-
holders. It is, however, erroneous
to say the mills have been sold at
many times their value. The debenture
and loan holders get nothing at all
out of the increased valuation.

To understand the position correct-
ly one must remember that the bulk
of the cotton machinery of the world
has been supplied by Lancashire
makers. The last returns of the
International Cotton Federation, the
year before the outbreak of war

showed that there were 144,000,000
spindles in the twenty-one cotton
manufacturing countries of the world.

Since that time there has been very
little extension of this machinery. A
considerable amount has been destroy-
ed and broken up, especially in Bel-
gium, Northern France, Russia, etc.

In addition to this the mills in
enemy countries have been unable to
run on account of the lack of raw
material. Every one knows that mills
standing idle for any considerable time
deteriorate rapidly, and will require a
great deal of work before they can be
restarted. In normal times 5 per cent.
depreciation was written off, but in
the majority of cases this amount was
usually resented.

THE RAVAGES OF WAR.

On this basis alone the industry
throughout the world is at least
25,000,000 to 30,000,000 spindles
behind what would have been renew-
ed had not the war occurred, and this
does not take account of the machin-
ery destroyed in the seats of war.

The textile machinery makers are
inundated with orders, but it will be
a comparatively slow process to get
back to the pre-war rate of produc-
tion. These factors have been brought
about by the great rise in wages and
the cost of everything that enters into
the production of textile machinery
and buildings. I estimate that the cost
of machinery alone is from 250 per
cent. to 300 per cent. above pre-war
prices.

The recent reduction of the hours
of running mills in England from
fifty-five and a half to forty-eight per
week—and a reduction will follow in
other countries—means that the ex-
tensions of cotton machinery during
ten years before the war are to a
large extent nullified.

Stocks of cotton goods everywhere
are extremely low, and the Lancashire
cotton trade is a principal factor in
supplying clothing to the world.

COTTON TRADE PROFITS.

Recently speculators have rushed
up the market values of mills as if
the present conditions were not excep-
tional. But the profits in the cotton
industry, taken over a long period,
have only been moderate in compari-
son with those made in other impor-
tant industries. Of all British indus-
tries, the cotton industry has been the
most seriously affected by the war.

This could not be otherwise, with
an industry that has to import all its
raw material and export three-fourths
of its manufactured goods.

However, as a result of the work
of the Control Board in 1918 large
profits were made, of which 80 per
cent. went to the Government as an
"excess profits" tax, and for 1919 40
per cent. will be taken in the same
way, while 30 per cent. of what is
left goes in income tax.

At the values remained at pre-war
rates mill owners would not be allowed
to depreciate at a figure which would
allow for renewals and repairs at pre-

sent rates, and it is absolutely neces-
sary to raise the value to something
like present cost of renewals, etc.
It is a bad business policy to depreciate
at a much lower figure than you can
renew.

I say again, with all the emphasis
I can put into it, it must not be
assumed that all capital invested in
the industry has shared in the en-
hanced values. Debenture and loan
holders represent a large portion of
the capital invested, but these have
not participated in the increased value
of the ordinary share capital. Many
of those who have participated have
only reaped after many years of wait-
ing and facing enormous risks. In
fair and foul weather, after periods of
great disappointment, they have at
last realised something tangible.

FOREIGN COMPETITION BOGEY.

Much is being written of the dan-
gers to be met from the competition
of Japan and United States. Before
the war the cost of putting down mills
in these two countries was double the
cost of those put down in England.

Japan has been spinning and weav-
ing cotton goods for at least sixty-five
years with machinery supplied by
England and after all these years had
only 2,000,000 spindles when war
broke out. During the war they
managed to increase the number to
3,000,000, and this at a time when
half of the machinery of England was
at a standstill.

If the mills of Japan work double
time it will be seen that the fixed
charges are much greater than in
England.

I admit that at present Japanese
labour is cheaper than that obtained
in Lancashire, but as a larger number
of operatives are required in Japan to
produce the work of one operative in
Lancashire this advantage is very
small. The world-wide movement for
better labour conditions will affect
Japan, as it will also affect other
countries.

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TO-MORROW (WEDNESDAY),
the 31st March, 1920, at 6.15 p.m.

By Order of the Committee,

J. A. TARRANT,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, March 29, 1920.

HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the ORDINARY YEARLY

MEETING of the Shareholders will be

held at the Company's Hotel, Hong-

kong, on WEDNESDAY, 7th April,

1920, at Noon, for the purpose of re-

ceiving the Report of the Board of

Directors together with a Statement of

Accounts for the Year ending 31st

December, 1919.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the

Company will be CLOSED from

THURSDAY, 1st April to WEDNES-

DAY, 7th April, 1920, (both days in-

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By Order of the Board of Directors.

J. H. TAGGART,
Manager and Secretary.

Hongkong, March 29, 1920.

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By Order,

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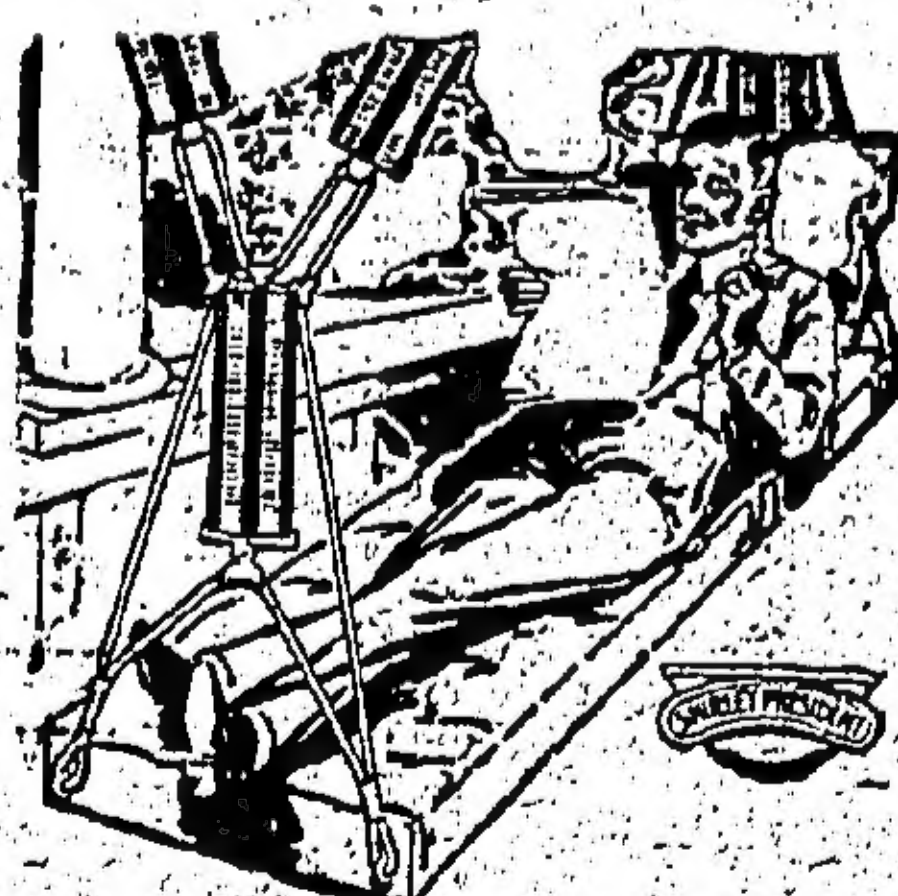
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THE GR EAG TOTINO BOOM.

(Continued from Page 2.)

It is obvious that the day is far
distant when Japan will be a serious
menace to Lancashire, and even the
United States cannot equip and man
sufficient new mills in the immediate
future to cause alarm here. Factories
cannot be erected except at im-
mense enhanced values, even if the
machinery was available, which it is
not; and even if the machinery were
available they have not the labour to
run it. Before the war the United
States was only able to export 5 per
cent. of cotton fabrics, and the great
population there requires large sup-
plies of cotton goods.

A WARNING TO LANCASHIRE.
In some quarters this expansion in
the values of many cotton mills has
been condemned as likely to be in-
jurious to the trade. I do not think
there has been any inflation of values.

The boom, with the transfer of
mills, has been a natural sequence to
the conditions set forth. However,
as one who can reasonably claim to
have the welfare of the industry at
heart, I should like to utter a word
of warning to the Lancashire people.

Do not allow the industry to fall
into the hands of outside speculators.
Your industry has been built up by
men of great commercial ability, men
who whilst they had to have regard
to the financial side of the question
had a genuine regard for the welfare
of the industry. They led, and were
proud to lead.

Do not hand over the reins to out-
side financiers whose operations on
the turf and in other speculative enter-
prises are their only claim to public
notoriety. Gamblers noted for their
manipulations in finance play no use-
ful part in the carrying on of industry.
But are, on the contrary, a continual
source of anxiety to every one legiti-
mately engaged in it. Your industry
is worthy of the best men that you can
put in it. See to it that the mills are
controlled by the men who will put
their best in it.

To the operatives I would say "in-
vest part of your savings in shares in
the mills in which you are employed."

WORKERS SHOULD SHARE.

Hitherto these savings in many
cases have been invested in loans and,
although this has been invested in the
past, I would rather you now take
a more direct interest, by becoming
shareholders in the mills. You will
thus share in the present prosperity of
the trade, and realise what is neces-
sary to maintain this prosperity.

I have had great opportunities of
surveying the cotton industry of the
world for many years, and I think the
foregoing views can only lead to one
conclusion—i.e., that if the industry
is allowed to manage its own affairs
a sanguine view of the future may be
taken. The business, however, must
be managed by men who know the
alpha and omega of the trade, and
interference from professional poli-
ticians, lawyers and speculators must
be discouraged.

More than that is needed to reap in
full the advantages of the boom.

The best of relationships must exist
between employer and employee. The
time has gone when operatives can be
looked upon as "hands." They are
essential to the maintenance of a great
industry. They must be assured that
their interests are bound up in the
prosperity of the trade. The employ-
ers must recognise the rights of the
workers. The workers must realise
that there are two sides to every ques-
tion. With a harmonious blending of
the interests of both sides the industry
will go forward to greater prosperity
than has been enjoyed in the past.
Foreign competition can then come,
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meet it.

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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MARCH 30, 1920.

FOOD FOR BABES.

In the "Orders of the Day" for to-day's meeting of the Sanitary Board, we observe that a Rural Inspector is to be authorized to enter premises and inspect or seize unwholesome food. We hope he will be permitted to use his commonsense, and not be encouraged to bring "cases" for his own kudos or for the enrichment of the Government coffers. We have in mind a case in which a Chinese at one of the outer villages was punished for selling food "damaged by fire," which (one might fairly argue) is the fate of most of the food we eat. We have, of course, no love for the scoundrel who is willing to make a profit by selling unwholesome food to those whose poverty may tempt them to that mistaken form of economy; but we have a very genuine sympathy for the extremely poor, we know how faddy and foolish some of our sanitary experts can be, and we know that healthy and hungry people can eat and digest and thrive on much that these experts would fastidiously condemn. They are not even consistent. They do not worry about the decayed game that well-to-do people eat. "We ourselves prefer our snipe to be practically rotten, and it has never hurt us yet; but a poor Chinaman, purveying a duck in similar condition, would probably be treated as a criminal. We also happen to distrust most of the modern hygienic experts, not only as to their knowledge (which is theoretical, and frequently dictated by fashion) but also as to their good faith, which (like Einstein's stellar ray) can be bent in passing. For a case in point let us direct your attention to some recent antics by the Ministry of Health at Home. For years they and their myrmidons have been making the lives of working-class mothers a burden, under pretence of caring for the welfare of the nation's babies. There are Infant Welfare centres now, by going to and from which mothers may obtain advice, divergent and conflicting. Visitors and inspectors go into houses, prying and poking and meddling. It is

one of the nuisances we would have under Socialism or Bolshevism, probably intensified, so let reformers stirred by these revelations be careful! Municipal clinics, Ministry of Health officials, Welfare centres, and volunteer spinners have all been issuing different advice as to when and how to feed children, especially infants. There was a recent meeting under the auspices of the Association of Infant Welfare and Maternity Centres, "in view of the shortage and high price of cow's milk," at which an official who had worked in four different municipalities found that the mothers were given various and conflicting rules and regulations, one set issued by a M.O.H., another by the Infant Welfare M.O., a third by the School Doctor, and still another by the Health Visitor and Voluntary Worker (i.e. Meddler). But that wasn't the joke of the meeting. In view of the shortage of milk, it should have been called on the Government to stop controlling it, so that the milk market might recover as the meat market did when the panjandrum released it. What, in fact, did it do? The Ministry of Health put up a certain Dr. Waller to state, scientifically, that unreachably grapes are sour. He said: "We have come to place an immense reliance on milk in a child's diet, and it is quite unnecessary. Children brought up on a very small quantity of milk were quite healthy, and compared very favourably with children brought up on a diet very largely composed of milk." He went on to say that over twelve months old a child could well digest beefsteak pudding. For breakfast it could have an egg or a meal of sardines! He specially favoured sardines, together with rusk with butter or dripping toast. An infant of twelve months could make a good meal from fish, or meat with gravy, or a bone could be given it to gnaw. Out here we know better than that. The proper diet for very young infants is boiled rice, pushed in steadily by the amah's thumb. We commend to our local Sanitary Board the latest "scientific" views of the Home Ministry of Health, and recommend it to issue a leaflet to local mothers warning them "of the poisonous possibilities of pure milk. If they will do that, and let us know in good time of their intention to do it, we may 'bear' Dairy Farm shares. But no. On second thought we will not. We seem to remember that mothers have ideas of their own on these subjects, and that no leaflet is likely to prejudice them against good milk.

ADVERSARIA.

Trotsky is indisposed. At a portion of Porterhouse, his favourite gorge, he put out his tongue, tentatively wagged the tip of his tail, and emitted a sigh. His eyes are rheumy and sore, and his temper bad. He growled at a nice little boy who wanted to pet him. Is not this, dear friends, a parable? Are not even we, all of us, liable to suit our morals to our physical condition? Alas, yes. In the long, gray days of winter, when the winds were cold, and we snuffled, have we not bated and despised our fellow men, and been disagreeable unto them? We have. Now that the winter is over and the time of the singing of birds is come, now that our sky is no longer wrapped up in clouds (to keep the moths off), and we get the fair share of sunshine that our soul yearneth for, shall we not brisk up and more cheerfully entreat each other? Let us hope that the winter habits have not ingrown, and that as we change into lighter clothes we may change into better spirits. Amen. We will now sing the 1st, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th verses of a hymn from *The New Witness*:

When all the world
is by my back, your cour-
teous-ness age did not fail: No
MAYNARD, laughter did you lack
(or fellowship or ale.
For by your stricken lips, A gallant
song is sung, Joy suffers no
eclipse: Is lyric and young. Is
rooted in the soil: Is ambient in
the air. Since Hope lifts up to
God The escalade of prayer. The
tyrants and the kings in purple
splendour ride: But all ironic things
Go marching at your side, To nerve
your hands with power, To salt
your hearts with scorn. Till that
awaited hour When Freedom shall
be born.

Arrange your in-
vestments with a
GOVERNMENT view to the
COMING. That that Labour
Government is
coming, is at hand. The signs of
the times are unmistakable.
Winston Churchill warned England
that the Labour men have less
brains than he has, and are con-
sequently unable to govern. Loud
laughter went up, and the black-
coated middle classes replied by
enlisting in Trades Unionism and
federating with Labour. The by-
elections sounded the clarion note
of the herald of the coming chan-
pions. Lloyd George then set up
the last barricade and became a
"last ditcher." He pointed out
(yesterday's telegrams) that one of
the planks of the Labour Platform
is common ownership—which is
even, as it were, and in a manner
of speaking, like unto a bit of
Bolshevism. And still the walls of
Jericho stood up. Our last hope is
gone, unless here in Hongkong we
"cut the painter" and declare a
republic.

Just as the really
YACHTING, nice weather comes,
the yachting season
closes. Why is that? Insufficient
wind? Hardly. Some of us find
enough for many pleasant cruises.
Too much sun? Perhaps. Why are
Hongkong men so afraid of the
great heat-giver, who makes the
skin smart, but cooks us to a state
of good health? They that go down
to the sea in yachts see the dwin-
dles of our harbour. The dinghy
takes us to the craft we have gazed
upon fondly from the shore. We
step aboard full of retrospective and
anticipatory joy. Up go the sails.
They flap and flutter, while we
move sluggishly and sometimes
crabwise from the buoy. God send
a puff before we scrape our paint
against that grimy junk. He does.
The jib sheets tauten, the mainail
fills, the burbling song of the
dividing prow (sweetest of all local
sounds) makes itself heard. We
touch the tiller, and feel the thrill
of command over vast energy.
Our wits have to be alert, almost
weaselly. Why are so many steam-
ers, with their attendant families
of fighters and sumpans, allowed
in the fairway? It is not usual.
Of course it is not, and happily it
has to be, because our harbour is
now so crowded. Were it not for
this obstructive higgie-piggie of
shipping, there would be no yach-
ting for us. There's a gap—both
it, launch—let us make through
it for Blackhead's Point, and so
get a reach for the farther yacht
club, and so out to Lyemum. No
luck. The wind is fluky and
fickle. We are back at Wanchai.
Here had luck changes to good and
pulls off the hills carry us into
Kowloon Bay and a good offing,
with a chance of a long haul
through the pass without short-
cuts. The fiddle of the brine-
spiced air is a tonic; the sunshine
"better keep your hat on, Old
Man," induces a beatitudinous
feeling. Oh, that we need never
turn back, but go on and on. The
north and south poles are discover-
ed; but we might find the East
Pole. Why not? With what ap-
petite we eat, the while gazing at
the dismantled flour mill, and

thinking of the fate of that won-
derful man Renny. How sweet is
a whisky and soda honestly earn-
ed. Cut with the spinner for the
run home—running free, the
"poetry of motion." A good
night's sleep, and to office invigor-
ated next morning. "How well
you are looking. Were you at
church yesterday?" "All day," is
the serious and not untruthful
answer, for the blue sea is the floor
of God's true house, and a sail
boat is a pew by divine appoint-
ment. Try it.

THE MINERS. Yesterday we had
the negotiations
between the Federation of Miners
and the Government. To-day we
have one saying that the negotia-
tions are broken off. These nego-
tations have been dragging along
since the last days of January, and
affect much more than wages. The
Government has been begging for
postponements and getting them,
the miners meanwhile preparing for
a real fight. The present omens
are bad. On the question of
nationalization alone—the issue is
likely to be forced. The present
Government is committed to pri-
vate ownership of the mines. Some
share of labour control is generally
conceded, but with whom? The
miners are willing to share control
with the Government, but not,
apparently, with the present own-
ers. If it comes to a struggle, as
seems likely, are the Dukes and
Duchesses and army officers who
made themselves so patriotically
useful during the railway strike,
going down to hack coal? Per-
haps. We shall see.

Professor Frederick
Soddy, F.R.S., of
Oxford, author of
"Science and Life,"
is making a lot of young Oxford
men into Bolsheviks. Before
science unleashes powers a million
times more awful than those we
have, he thinks we should have a
new social order, with common
ownership of the acquisitions of
science, and Socialism and Co-
operation. Under existing social
conditions, new scientific dis-
coveries will only make more mil-
lionsaires and more slums, both of
which are undesirable. At present
the discoveries of science are de-
voted to scientific warfare and un-
scientific government. "In the
world that is to come the control
of financiers, lawyers, politicians,
and the merely possessive or ac-
quisitive must give place to a sys-
tem in which the creative elements
must rule." "It is a tragedy,"
he said, "to see the splendid
achievements, both of brain and
brawn, of modern peoples squan-
dered and turned to evil by rulers
alien to their spirit, and owning
allegiance to the standards of dead
civilisations and dying beliefs. The
cut-throat doctrines of the past
have to be beaten out of the path
of progress if the ideals of science
are to make good. Under our
present order a future achievement
such as that foreshadowed simply
means that in the next war life
could be wiped off the globe by
science as completely as wiping off
a slate." What do you think of
him?

There is no reason
why you should remember
the "Kings of England," but if
you want to do it, here's how, in
an old rhyme brought up to date:
Two Williams, Henry, Stephen,
Henry, Dick,
John, Hal, three Edwards,
Richard, three Hols, quick!
Two Edwards, Dick, two Harrys
and a Ned,
Mary, Bess, James, and Charles
who lost his head,
Charles, James, Will, Anne, four
Georges and a Will,
Victoria (far too long) and Ned
(too short,
A thorough English gentleman
and sport)
Another George (who's reigning
still),
In troubles enough to make him
ill.

One of our cor-
respondents, to-
day in a letter
suggests that a
previous correspondent should write
an article for the *China Mail* with
the title "How some fortunes have
been amassed in Hongkong." It
makes our mouths water, and we
are tempted to endorse the sug-
gestion; but after all, we owe a duty
to society. It would tempt others
at present uncorrupted to go and
do likewise; for many lakhs make
a lure, so we should have to refuse
to publish such an article. Were
it right to publish such information,
we would write it ourselves.
Because, you know, we know.

A FAMILY NECESSITY.

EVERY family should be provided
with Chamberlain's Pain Balm at
all times. Sprains may be cured in
much less time when promptly treated.
Lame back, lame shoulder, pains in
side and chest, and rheumatic pains are
some of the diseases for which it is es-
pecially valuable. Try this treatment and
become acquainted with its qualities and
you will never wish to be without it.
For sale by all Chemists and Store-
keepers.

SPECIAL CABLE.

FLYING STUNTS.

[China Mail Special]

SINGAPORE, March 29.
Capt. Matthews, flying to Australia,
and two Italian flyers to Tokyo, have
arrived at Rangoon. Poulet, the
French aviator, has left Singapore
for Java. He afterwards proceeds to
Rangoon, resuming his flight to
Australia.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

To-day's dollar is worth 4s. 11½d.

Entries for the Tennis League
close to-morrow.

The annual sports of the
Athletic Association of the University
take place to-morrow.

Last week 15 people died of in-
fluenza in Hongkong. One was a
Japanese; the rest were Chinese.

All those interested are reminded
that a meeting of the tennis league
will be held in the Hongkong Cricket
Club pavilion at 5.15 p.m., to-morrow.

A Sale of Work in aid of Church
Funds will be held on the premises
of Union Church, to-morrow Wednes-
day March 31st, commencing at
3 p.m.

Last week's notifiable disease
was: diphtheria 5, (one British)
enteric 3 (one British) and cerebro-
spinal fever 10. In the subsequent
48 hours there were: smallpox 1,
diphtheria 4 (one British) and c.s.
fever 1.

The Hongkong Tramway Com-
pany's approximate statement of
traffic receipts shows receipts for the
week: \$14,645, or \$1,290 more
than last year. The aggregate
receipts for 13 weeks were \$185,876,
or \$352 more than in the correspond-
ing quarter of 1919.

Mr. Frederick Tillson, Manager
of Foreign Publicity and Sales Pro-
motion, for Montgomery Ward and
Company, Chicago, U.S.A., arrived on
a "Empress of Japan." He is
making a tour of the Orient in-
vestigating trade conditions and
opportunities. He has also opened
branch offices, sales and sample rooms
in Shanghai and wholesale selling
agencies in various cities. Mr.
Tillson will be at King Edward Hotel
for sometime and will be pleased to
hear from any of Montgomery Ward
and Co's customers who are
interested.

"Through Deserts and Oases of
Central Asia" is the title of a new
work by Miss Ella Sykes and her
brother, Sir Percy Sykes, who is well
known as a writer on Persia. The
book has been arranged in two parts.
The first is written by Miss Sykes,
and describes a nine-months' journey
in Chinese-Turkistan and on the
"Roof of the World," while Sir
Percy is responsible for the later
chapters, dealing with geography,
history, customs of the people, and
other subjects. The narrative is
well illustrated by reproductions of
photographs taken by the authors,
and was published in February by
Messrs. Macmillan & Co.

An important historical study on
"The Union Between England and
Scotland," by Dr. A. V. Dicey and
Professor R. S. Rait, will be published
shortly by Messrs. Macmillan & Co.
The principal points brought out in
the course of this work are (1) The
conception of the difference between
the Parliament of Scotland and the
Parliament of England; (2) The way
in which this difference is connected
with the passing of the Act of Union;
(3) The extraordinary difficulty with
which the passing and the success of
the Act of Union were achieved; (4)
The skill with which the Whigs of
Great Britain conceived of a policy
which was at once revolutionary and
conservative; and (5) The way in
which this policy, whilst putting an
end to the political independence
of both of England and of Scotland,
created a real unity of Great Britain
which has preserved for two cen-
turies all that is good in the nation-
alism either of England or of
Scotland.

STOWAWAYS.

Before Mr. R. O. Hutchison, at the
Magistracy this morning, three
Filipinos were charged with stowing
away on board the s.s. "West Ira,"
bound for America. They said they
had passports, but did not have
money to buy their passages. Haying
no employment in Manila, they
decided to go to America to try
their luck, and boarded the "West
Ira" at Manila. They admitted
stowing away.

Inspector Gordon, prosecuting,
said there was a lot of this thing
going on, and he would ask his Wor-
ship to deal with the defendants
severely, as an example to others.
A fine of \$25 each, or in default,
one month's hard labour was imposed.

CASUAL NOTES.

BY "THE TRAMP."

Hongkong has now its Volunteer
Defence Corps. The title chosen for
the new organisation is very appro-
priate as it first of all emphasises the
voluntary nature of the corps and
then sets out its object. Now that
the Administrative Commandant has
been chosen things should soon begin
to move. The selection of Major Bird
is one which should give general satis-
faction. He is one of those who has
seen war and who "savvy," while his
D.S.O. is sufficient evidence of his
personal valour and ability. The
next thing will be the election of
officers. That should be interesting.
The rumour that a "book" is to be
conducted on the election is denied.

The British male members of
the Catholic Community here have
decided to form a club, the
premises being St. Patrick's
Hall. Some people seem to think
there is an objection to Clubs
which support a bar being run under
the aegis of a religious organisation,
but that is narrow and silly. Happen-
ing to be at the meeting I gathered
the impression that the Club would
mainly be for the benefit of men of
the services. If that proves to be the
case there can be no objection,
because anything that will brighten
their lot should be encouraged.

There was a little discussion at
the meeting on the question of
gambling. A certain game apparently
beloved of service men—I forget
his name—was mentioned and the
opinion was expressed that it
was not much use playing
unless "there was something on it."
That is a truism with regard to
nearly all card games, excepting of
course "patience" and "snaps." The
other point was that the men who
brought up the matter did not wish
to enrich themselves at the expense
of others and were quite willing
that all winnings should be put
in a box and devoted to
some charitable object. Apparently
this would infringe the law as it
might be considered a bank. That
put the damper on it as no one
wished to see the Club made the
center of a police raid. The box
idea has been dropped and the Com-
mittee will fix the stakes in games
which require a little monetary risk
to make them interesting. It would be
interesting to know what thoughts
were hidden behind smiling faces
when there was a unanimous vote
that no "hard" drinks be sold before
1 p.m. on Sundays, especially coming
after the preceding padre had
observed that "if anyone wanted to
to get full they would do it before
11 p.m."—the closing hour.

The first practical step towards
solving the building problem has
been taken. A committee has been
appointed to advise the Government
regarding the advance of money
from public funds to persons pro-
posing to build houses for residential
purposes. That may be all right but
why doesn't the Government do a
little building itself. It should be
able to do so cheaply as it has plenty
of land, its own staff of engineers
and architects, while a private builder
will have to buy or rent land and
pay fees for the plans. A few blocks
of flats in some accessible position
would soon make a difference if some
discrimination were made in the
letting of them. There is no question
of racial prejudice. The dry fire
houses where they can live
in such surroundings as they are
accustomed to and among their
own nationals comes from the
Europeans. Not the tai-pai class—
who have the Peak—but from that
larger section which sees its monthly
income devoured to a large extent
by two items—house, rent and
"chow."

I happened to be looking over
some essays the other day written
by local school-boys, the subject
being the "Horse." One youth,
after telling that it was an animal
with four legs, put down the illumina-
ting thought "It can do many
tricks besides drawing a cart."

AUSTRALIAN FLOUR.

Although it has been reported
that an embargo has been placed,
by the Australian Government, on the
export of flour from that Common-
wealth, old contracts are evidently
not included in the prohibitory
enactment, judging by the fact that
shipments of flour are still being
received in Hongkong and Manila.
The "St. Albans" of the Eastern
Australia Line, Peninsular and
Oriental Steamship Company, in
bringing 600 tons of flour from
Australia this voyage.
The Eastern Australia service now
consists of two vessels, the s.s. "St.
Albans" and the s.s. "Eastern," but
more steamers, it is expected, will
be added to this run, so that a
monthly service will be available for
the accommodation of the public.
Passenger bookings to Australia
are reported to be very good, but
accommodations are available for all
applicants up to this time.

"WALLA-WALLA" LAUNCHES.
Phone No. 3510.

COMPANY MEETING.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

The annual general meeting of the
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
was held to-day at noon at the offices
of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co.
The Hon. Mr. John Johnston pre-
sided and there were present Hon. Sir
Paul Chater, C.M.G., Sir Robert Ho
Tung, Messrs. G. W. Barton, A. H.
Compton, C. S. Gubbay, F. Maitland
and T. E. Pearce (Consulting Com-
mittee) Messrs. G. Grimble, Ho Leung,
L. N. Lefie, J. Arnold, J. M. Aiver,
Lo Chung Shui, D. V. Stevenson,
A. Dennison, and F. C. Hall (Acting
Secretary).

The notice convening the
meeting having been read, the
Chairman said: Gentle-
men, the report and accounts
having now been in your hands for
some days, I propose, with your per-
mission, to follow the usual custom
of taking them as read.
It gives me pleasure to call your
attention to the very satisfactory
results which have attended the work-
ing of the Company for the year
1919. The premium income for this
year was \$30,000 more than the
highest total previously reached, and
the ratios for losses and expenses
work out at the exceptionally
favourable figures of 24.35% and
31.06% respectively. The income
from interest shows a shrinkage of
roughly \$9,000 entirely due to the
high rate of sterling exchange at
which we have been obliged to con-
vert the revenue from our gold
securities into dollars.

High exchange not only diminishes
our revenue from interest, but also
of course premium income from gold
Agencies, and the value of our ster-
ling securities in the Balance Sheet
when expressed in dollars, and in
view of the fact that the rate of
4/10½ ruling on the 31st December
last was 1s. 6d. above that on the
same date for the year previous, we
may congratulate ourselves on the
outcome of this Account.

It is early to say much about the
year 1919 which, as you are doubt-
less aware, has a further twelve
months yet to run. The Far East
was certainly not unproductive of
fires. In Japan there were some
very severe outbreaks, and Man-
churia, Singapore, Manila and Han-
kow were all responsible for claims.
It is gratifying therefore that the
balance of \$449,915.95, standing at
credit of Working Account should be
so well up to the average, and
there is reasonable ground for ex-
pecting that the Account will run off
leaving us with a very substantial
sum in hand.

The surplus to be dealt with at
this Meeting is \$445,134.28, and we
recommend the payment of the
usual dividend of \$27 per share; the
appropriation of \$20,000 at 4/10½—
\$164,102.56 to the Reinsurance
Fund, and that the balance of
\$65,031.72 be placed to the credit of
Investment and Exchange Fluctua-
tion Account. The necessity of
keeping a substantial sum at
credit of this Account has been
made apparent by our experi-
ence of the past few years,
and until the future course of sterling
exchange returns to a more normal
condition provision must still be
made for violent fluctuations.

The Staff have not been forgotten
and you will, I trust, approve of the
Consulting Committee's action of
voting a bonus on their salaries of
15 per cent. as has been done in past
years.
I do not think that there is any-
thing further in the Accounts which
requires special mention by me,
but after the resolution which I
am about to propose has been
seconded I shall be glad to satisfy to
the best of my ability any enquiries
arising out of them which share-
holders may wish to put.

I now propose the following re-
solution:
"That the Report and Accounts as
presented, including the payment of a
dividend of \$27 per share, an addition
to the Reinsurance Fund of \$20,000
at exchange 4/10½—\$164,102.56, the
transfer of \$65,031.72 to the credit
of Investment and Exchange Fluctua-
tion Account and the payment to the
Staff of 15 per cent upon their
salaries be adopted and passed."
Mr. Dennison seconded and the
motion was carried.

Mr. Lo Cheung Shui proposed that
Sir Paul Chater, Sir Robert Ho Tung,
Messrs. G. W. Barton, A. H. Com-
pton, C. S. Gubbay, F. Maitland and
T. E. Pearce be re-elected to the
Consulting Committee.

Mr. J. Arnold seconded and the
motion was carried.
Mr. Grimble proposed and Mr. Ho
Leung seconded the re-election of
Mr. H. Percy Smith and Mr. A. R.
Lowe as auditors at a remuneration
of \$500 each.

This was carried.
The Chairman announced that dividend
warrants were ready.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE FIFTH ANNUAL ATHELETIC MEETING.

The Annual Sports will be held at
the College ground, Causeway Bay
on Thursday, April 1.
The Prizes will be presented at
5.15 p.m. by Mr. A. H. Crook.

HONGKONG GENERAL
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

INTERESTING QUESTIONS
DISCUSSED.

The annual general meeting of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday evening in the Chamber's room. The Hon. Mr. E.V.D. Part presided and those present were The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, the Hon. Mr. N. J. Stubb, the Hon. Mr. John Johnston, Messrs. Ross Thomson, J. A. Plummer, C. H. P. Hay, J. W. C. Bonnar, C. S. Gubbay (Committee), and Messrs. J. M. Alves (Messrs. J. M. Alves & Co.), B. Monieth Webb (Messrs. Arnhold Bros. & Co.), Lindsay Wood (Messrs. Banker & Co.), L. Berindougue (Messrs. Banque de l'Indo Chine), J. A. Plummer (Messrs. Bradley & Co., Ltd.), Ross Thomson (Messrs. Butterfield & Swire), R. B. Cooper (Messrs. Cawston Fallan & Co.), J. L. Crockett (Messrs. Chartered Bank of India, and China), B. W. Tape (Messrs. Ching Mutual Life Insurance Co., Ltd.), G. M. Shaw (Messrs. China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.), G. H. Elliott (Messrs. Commercial Union Assurance Co., Ltd.), R. Rodenfuser (Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes), G. M. Dodwell (Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd.), L. N. Whyte (Messrs. Donnelly & Whyte), G. W. Barton and W. Dunbar (Douglas S. S. Co., Ltd.), T. W. Hill (Messrs. Eastern Asbestos Co.), C. Bond (Messrs. Gande Price & Co., Ltd.), J. W. C. Bonnar and A. O. Lane (Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co.), W. A. Hannibal (Messrs. W. A. Hannibal & Co.), J. Arnold (Messrs. Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.), F. Grahame (Messrs. Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.), L. N. Lee (Messrs. Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.), S. W. Ho (Messrs. Hongkong Mercantile Co., Ltd.), N. J. Stubb (Messrs. Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation), W. E. Roberts (Messrs. Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd.), A. de Souza (Messrs. Hongkong Import and China Produce Export Co.), T. F. Hough (Messrs. Hughes & Hough), H. D. Hutchison (Messrs. Hogg, Karanjia & Co., Ltd.), John Johnston (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.), D. K. Blair (Messrs. Marine Insurance Association of Hongkong), C. L. Sanders (Messrs. Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd.), W. Joseph (Messrs. J. R. Michael & Co.), G. C. Moxon, A. G. Coppin (Messrs. Nestle & Anglo Swiss Condensed Milk Co.), J. W. Slackhouse (Messrs. New Zealand Insurance Co., Ltd.), H. P. Smith (Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming), P. H. Holyoak (Messrs. Reiss & Co.), J. M. da Rocha (Messrs. J. M. da Rocha & Co.), C. E. W. Kew (Messrs. Rudolf Wolf & Kew, Ltd.), A. G. da Rocha, C. S. Gubbay (Messrs. A. G. da Rocha, C. S. Gubbay & Co.), E. D. Sassoon & Co., G. E. Wetton (Messrs. H. Skott & Co.), H. Stephens (Messrs. H. Stephens & Co.), F. P. Talati, S. M. Churn (Messrs. Union Trading Co.), C. H. P. Hay (Messrs. Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.), W. C. Shiner (Messrs. United Asbestos-Orient Agency, Ltd.), P. A. Xavier (Messrs. P. A. Xavier & Co.), and S. Leung (Messrs. Yuen Hop Hong).

The Chairman: Gentlemen, it being past the hour for which this meeting is called, and there being a quorum present, I will ask the Secretary to read the notice convening the meeting.

The notice having been read, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen, the report and accounts have been in your hands for some days and we will, with your permission, adopt the usual course and take them as read. It will be observed that the correspondence during the year has again been exceptionally heavy, and I will now refer to those questions which appear to deserve special mention as briefly as possible.

THE CABLE DELAYS.

Telegraphic delay has been the subject of a voluminous correspondence more or less throughout the year, and the following detailed information on this subject, which has come to hand since this report was printed, will no doubt be of interest. The London Chamber of Commerce informs us, in reply to our advice, that the question of telegraphic delay has been constantly before the Home Chambers, practically ever since the Armistice. At the outset, efforts were concentrated upon the abolition of the so-called Government messages and the re-establishment of the unrestricted use of codes, deferred rates, etc. It was anticipated that when this was effected a considerable amelioration would result, but in the latter months of the year things went from bad to worse and continual correspondence both with the London Post Office and the Cable Companies resulted. The primary causes of the delay are as follows:—The length and number of the cables despatched at the present time is largely in excess of normal, the number of words dealt with in 1918 was 180 millions, as compared with 64 millions in 1913. Certain lines such as the Indo-European, interrupted from the beginning of the war, are not yet in operation. The Indo-European and Great Northern, the latter interrupted by Russia and Germany, carried a large proportion of the Far-East and Indian traffic before the war. The whole of the tele-

graphic business between the East and the United Kingdom has, therefore, to be carried by the Eastern and Associated Telegraph Companies. Then it has not been possible to maintain the cables in a proper state of repair during the War years exposed as they were to the full blast of the enemy's submarine and mine warfare, although, like all the other brave members of the Mercantile Marine, the repairing ships were at work, we are informed, practically night and day.—(Applause.)

—Owing to the enormous demand, manufacturers are unable to promise delivery of material for new cables. In their own interests, as well as the Telegraph Company's and ours, the present unsatisfactory position will no doubt be regulated as expeditiously as possible. We are further advised that a new cable is being laid between the United Kingdom and Gibraltar, and orders are being given for the manufacture of a cable to provide a new fast speed line to the East, via the Mediterranean, Red Sea, Bombay, Madras, and Singapore. A large quantity of new apparatus is also on order, which, it is stated, will tend to increase the capacity of the existing cables. It is to be hoped, therefore, that the time which must elapse before the whole of these requirements are met will be as short as possible, and that the speed of transmission of telegrams, and comparative freedom from errors on which the Telegraph Companies justly prided themselves before the War, will be resumed with the least possible delay.—(Applause.)

—I regret to have to mention, however, that in some cases the delays to particular telegrams are inexplicable and it is difficult to believe that the local system is not at fault somewhere when messages for firms not five minutes walk from the Telegraph Office take 45 minutes in delivery, also when a message from Singapore to Hongkong takes 90 hours one day, and one immediately before or after is delivered in under 24 hours. Cases of this kind are serious handicaps to trade and may cause great inconvenience and the loss of large sums of money. With reference to the much discussed subject of "urgent" rates, it is to be hoped the Telegraph Company will soon be able to make such arrangements as will reduce to normal the too frequent present necessity of having to pay three times the tariff rate for what, it is feared, has too often proved a doubtful advantage. I mention these matters in the true interests of the Telegraph Co. and of trade generally.

THE OUTWARD MAILS.

The delay to the outward mails, also referred to in our report, has been curtailed during the year by shipment per Indian mail steamers via Marseilles, Bombay, Negapatam, and Singapore which, however, necessitates a wait at the latter port for a direct steamer for China. That is the reason, gentlemen, why some mails arrive more quickly than others, the time in transit necessarily depending upon the wait at Singapore for the first most expeditious steamer for Hongkong. It will be readily understood that the first steamer leaving may not be the quickest; therefore, discrimination on the part of the Post Office at Singapore may sometimes be necessary. I understand the Postmaster-General is making enquiries regarding the possibility of forwarding Homebound mails also by this route, when a more direct service is not available. Some merchants, indeed, already forward letters for Europe, etc. to their friends in Singapore to be reposted by the weekly mails thence via Negapatam and Bombay.

REGISTRATION OF FIRMS.

The question of the registration of firms, trading under names other than their own, has been very carefully considered by the Chamber's Legal Sub-Committee, and legislation to counteract practices often misleading was proposed to the Government. The Committee acknowledge with grateful thanks the time and trouble taken over the legal aspect of the matter by Messrs. C. D. Wilkinson, H. J. Gedge and J. Scott Harston, and regret that it has not, up to the present, been found practicable to pass the proposed legislation. Older members may remember that a Royal Commission sat and reported to the Government on this subject some years ago. It would appear that merchants must protect their own interests by making any enquiries concerning their correspondents they may deem necessary, through the Chamber of Commerce at the port concerned, the leading banks or other ordinary channels.

THE CHAMBER'S PUBLICATIONS.

The Committee desire to acknowledge the gratifying support to the Chamber's "Daily Bulletin" and hopes for your continued assistance to enable this special issue to subscribers to be carried on without loss to the Chamber as hitherto. Apart from the value of the cables and the commercial information the "Daily Bulletin" presents in a form very handy for reference, the existence of this little journal has enabled us to initiate a service of news to the vernacular papers which I hope, in time, will be considerably extended. Moreover, it will be a subject for the consideration of your Committee whether, by the inclusion of market reports, and prices current, and in other ways, the scope of the

"Bulletin" cannot be widened until it becomes more representative of the trade of this port and we can utilise it as the official journal of this Chamber.

I would also mention here the Shanghai Journal as interesting reading for merchants and a useful medium for mercantile advertisement. The Secretary of the Chamber in Shanghai will be glad to learn of any new developments of interest to general trade, in connection with firms at this port.

SCHOOL FOR THE STUDY OF CHINESE.

I would like to refer particularly to this Chamber's School for the study of Chinese, which has done such good work in the past, but fell away somewhat as was to be expected with the depleted staffs during the war. With the return of our brave defenders to their former spheres of commercial usefulness and look for full classes and it is hoped all firms here will encourage in every possible way their employees to join the school in their own as well as the firm's interest. The Committee have once again to acknowledge the ability, carefulness and zeal with which the Director, the Rev. Dr. T. W. Pearce, L.L.D., continues to conduct this work for the advancement of the Colony's Commerce.—(Applause.)—The Committee also desire to place on record their appreciation of the services of the late Mr. N. G. Nolan, Chief Interpreter of the Supreme Court of Hongkong, as Examiner of the School and to express sincere sympathy with his family in their recent bereavement.

THE PROPOSED SHANGHAI MINT.

The shortage of dollars in Shanghai in December last caused great inconvenience to trade and at one time it was not possible to obtain sufficient for the Payment of the Taishan to meet required coals. There was strong evidence that the Nanking Mint was holding up dollars with the object of keeping the price at a level very much above minting cost. The result of representations through the British Consul-General at Shanghai and the Minister at Peking was the proposal to establish a branch of the Nanking Mint at Shanghai. Your Committee fully endorse the opinion of the Shanghai Chamber that this proposal to establish a branch of the Nanking Mint in Shanghai is no more than a move to strengthen the already powerful hold of the mint interest and to block reform, and that what is required is a Central Government Mint open, as the resolution passed at the recent Conference of Chambers there stated, to the free coinage of dollars, with adequate guarantees for the maintenance of the fineness and weight of the coins.

STORM SIGNALS AND TIME BALL.

The question of storm signals has been before your Committee as in previous years and after further mature consideration, and as a result of extensive expert enquiry, the Chamber advised the Government, that although some Shipping Masters were in favour of the Hongkong system, as against the China Coast system, which others preferred, they practically all favoured uniformity, to secure which it appeared necessary to adopt the China Coast system, and the Shipping Community are indebted to the Government for falling in with and adopting these views. The China Coast system will, therefore, now be in use in these waters.

The Time Ball is also now dropped at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. except Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays, instead of at 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. daily. Wireless Signals flashed at 9 p.m. daily. The thanks of the Shipping Community are due to the authorities for carrying out these suggestions also.

THE COLONY'S ECONOMIC RESOURCES.

At the request of the Colonial Secretary, your Committee proposed the names of certain gentlemen to serve on a Committee of enquiry into the economic resources of the Colony. This Committee of enquiry has now been appointed and is sitting under the chairmanship of Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., and it is hoped the result of its labours will prove of the greatest benefit to this Colony. The Committee has been divided into various Sub-Committees whose reports will be forwarded in due course to the Government and from time to time.

IMPERIAL PREFERENCE.

Government Notifications Nos. 399 and 550 regarding Imperial Preference will not have escaped you, and their importance to the trade of this Colony has, doubtless been carefully considered.

Probably few, if any, of our present exports, owe 75 per cent. of their total value to Colonial labour and material, but with its growing industries, the Regulations under Notification No. 550 may prove of the utmost importance to the Colony.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

During the year your Committee have, in conjunction with the Government, formed the first two scholarships at the Hongkong University for Yunnanese students. The Chamber's commitment is \$1,000 per annum for five years, and I am sure you will agree with the policy aimed at in this connection of spreading the desire for Western education among the Chinese, so far as may be possible with the limited funds at our disposal.—(Applause.)

BILLS OF LADING.

With regard to the steps taken to obtain an increased valuation on Bills of Lading it is understood the leading lines have advanced the value limit up to £10 per foot and £200 per package respectively. This arrangement does not apply to all trades but shippers who have raised this question, chiefly those interested in Manchester goods, have, it is understood, been notified that claims will be dealt with on this basis.

"TON FOR TON."

The Chamber's previous representations on the "Ton for Ton" Policy have been courteously acknowledged by the Government. By the terms of the Peace Treaty Germany has recognised—

The principle of replacement ton for ton and class for class of all the merchant Shipping and Fishing Boats lost or damaged in the War. She is to cede to the Allies all German merchant ships of 1,600 tons gross and upwards, one half of the ships between 1,000 and 1,600 tons gross and one quarter of her steam trawlers and fishing boats and to build merchant ships for account of the Allies up to 200,000 tons gross annually for five years from May, 1919.—(Applause.)

Gentlemen, whatever "wait and see" politicians may say about writing off enemy indemnities as bad debts it will take many years to expunge the memory of Germany's diabolical and cowardly practices of firing on defenceless women and children in open boats and leaving helpless men on their submerged submarines to drown. I see no reason to alter the views this Chamber has expressed in no uncertain manner from the beginning of the enemy submarine frightfulness, views well known to coincide with the London and other leading Chambers, regarding the "Ton for Ton" policy.—(Applause.)

THE RICE SITUATION.

My speech would not be complete without some reference to the rice situation so far as this affects Hongkong. The question may be divided into two parts, namely, the rice sifting and transshipment trade of Hongkong, and the rice consumed proper of Hongkong. As regards the former, a reference to the report will reveal to members by this Chamber in collaboration with the Association of Exporters and Dealers of Hongkong in arriving at an agreement for grading certain qualities of rice with Rice Association of California. Copy of the agreement will be found on page 268.

This agreement has been signed by practically every Hongkong firm interested in the export of rice, and is undoubtedly of great value in regulating the relations between the merchants of this Colony and the rice importers of California. As regards the rice consumed in the Colony, I can say that the Government are very much alive to the situation and in the event of a shortage it is hoped it will be possible to deal with it in such a manner as will in nowise interfere with the delicately poised transshipment trade of the Colony. A considerable correspondence will be noted in the report on the question of indenting for supplies through the Crown Agents referred to previously in 1917, and the Committee is in entire sympathy with action taken by the Singapore Chamber, with a view to Government allowing local firms the opportunity to compete for this business, and it is hoped that the matter which has again been referred to the Secretary of State will receive favourable consideration. The Government have here an opportunity of assisting local British firms which it cannot be said it went out of its way to do before the war. It will be noted it is not suggested that the rate-payer should suffer, but merely that local British firms should be given the opportunity to compete for the business, which would appear to be in the rate-payers' interests.

TRIBUTES.

We have to acknowledge the good work of Professor Middleton Smith which he was at home in calling attention in the Press and elsewhere to the importance of China as a field for the development of trade and we do not doubt that what he was able to do in that respect will be for the advantage of trade of the Colony.

The Committee learned with deep regret of the sudden death in November last of Mr. C. H. Ross in England. Mr. Ross' valued assistance to this Chamber, when he was in Hongkong, will be remembered by many present members, and his willing and cordial services continued to be ever at our disposal, after he left China to assume charge of his firm's affairs in London. Only last June, gentlemen, as will be seen from the report, we were further indebted to him for so efficiently representing this Chamber at the Imperial Council of Commerce in London.

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C. W. BECKWITH,
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Imports and Exports.
Hongkong, March 30, 1920.

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SHANGHAI AND TIENTSIN	SHANGHAI	Y.	April 3 at 4 p.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	SWATOW	Y.	April 4 at 10 a.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & FUKUO	AMOI	Y.	April 5 at 4 p.m.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	MANILA	Y.	April 15 at 4 p.m.

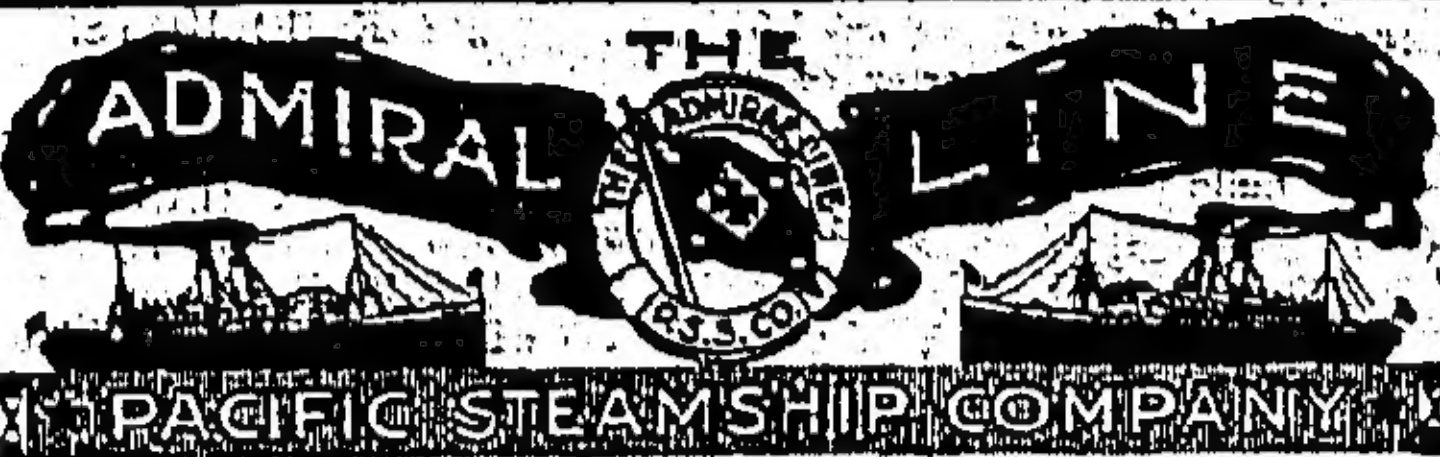
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Empress of Russia	HONGKONG	July 19
Empress of Japan	HONGKONG	Aug. 10
Empress of Asia	HONGKONG	Aug. 18
Monteagle	HONGKONG	July 20
Empress of Russia	HONGKONG	Aug. 13
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Mr. Holford Knight, barrister-at-law, explained the law as it applies to the wife, to a Daily Chronicle representative.

The idea of equality between men and women has yet to be established in law," he said. "legally, woman is still the chattel of her husband."

It is extraordinarily difficult to alter English law, and conceptions of women which have long since vanished in the laws of other countries remain in force in England. For example, it may be asked why, if a woman can get damages in a breach of promise case, she is unable to get damages in the Divorce Court. On the face of it, it would seem to be more disastrous for a woman to lose her husband than her sweetheart, but the law looks at the matter from a different angle.

The law is based on the assumption that the aim of every woman is to get a husband. If, therefore, she regards it as a serious matter if an engaged woman is "jilted," and so deprived of the chance of marriage with a particular man.

But once a woman is married, she is not necessarily regarded by the law as a separate individual; the law, in nine cases out of ten, takes the view that her identity is merged in that of her husband, if he is taken from her by another woman.

Of course, Mr. Holford Knight pointed out, "this curious position is occasionally as disadvantageous to the man as to the woman. As a criminal lawyer, I have come across cases in which the husband has been the sufferer. It sometimes happens that a husband is charged with an offence, in which the prime mover was really his wife. But the husband has to pay the penalty, while the wife escapes."

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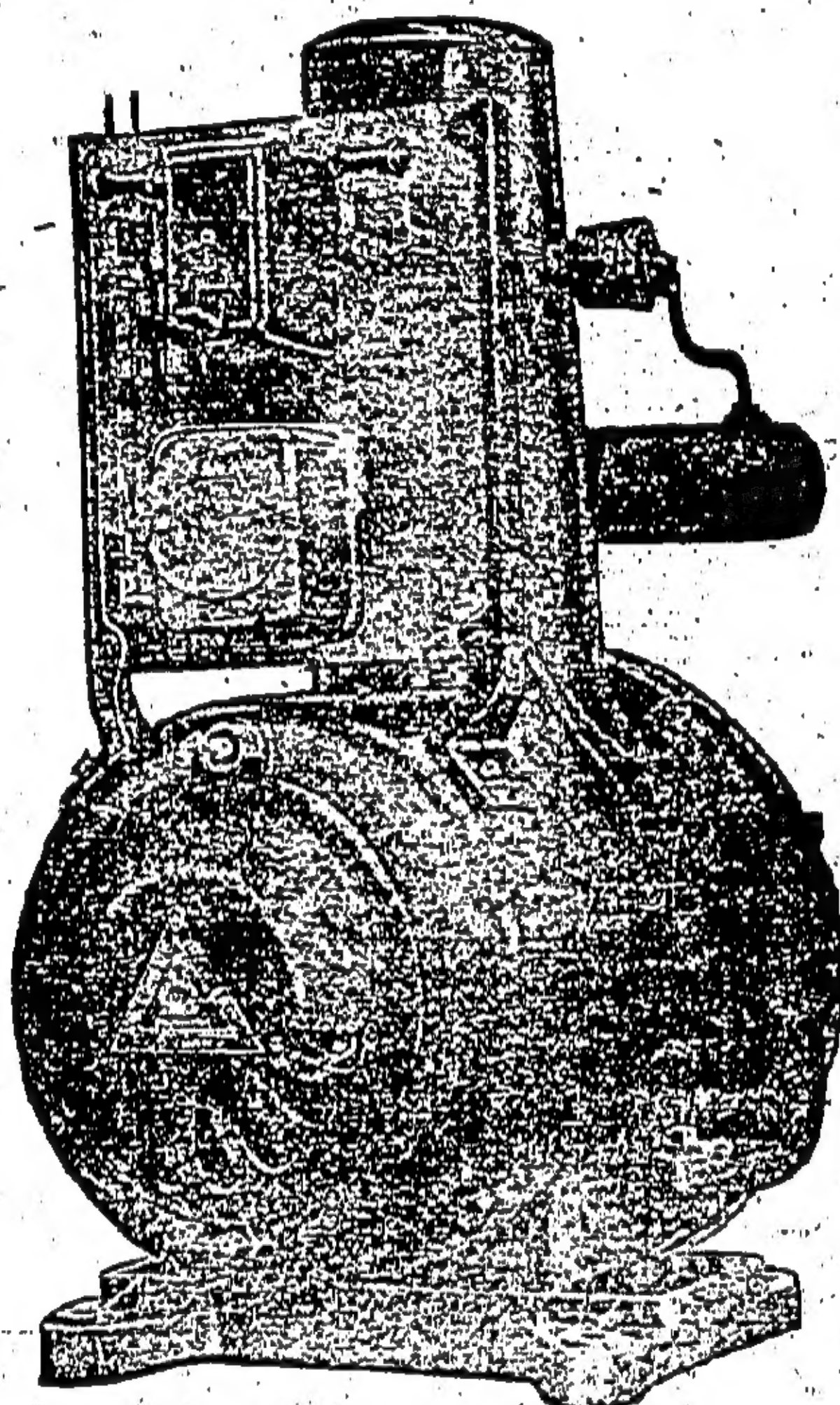
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HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

(Continued from page 5.)

As usual there have been changes in our Committee during the year. We are again indebted to Mr. J. W. C. Bonnar for his valuable assistance and, as he is retiring and shortly leaving us, we wish him long life and every happiness in the Old Country. (Applause.)

I would also like to record the masterly manner in which the Hon. Mr. Dodwell has led and conducted the Chamber's affairs, as its Chairman during the year, and I can speak for him that he greatly regretted having to leave home before this annual meeting could take place. Our thanks are also due to him and the Hon. Mr. John Johnstone for so ably representing this Chamber at the first of the proposed conferences held in Shanghai last autumn, when matters of common interest to all merchants in China and Hongkong were fully discussed and have been referred to in the Press. (Applause.) It is intended and hoped that this Conference will be held annually at some central Port (Shanghai would appear to be indicated in this respect), and that such Conferences will prove of inestimable value to trade and have far-reaching beneficial effects on the foreign trade of China.

I cannot close this address without associating this Chamber with the many good wishes expressed on all sides to the retiring British Minister to Peking, the Rt. Hon. John Jordan. I explained to Sir John that we should like to have shown our appreciation of his great services in China, by entertaining him on his way home, but his brief stay in the Colony and the day being Sunday rendered this impracticable. Our wishes are none the less sincere for his health and happiness in his well-deserved retirement and we hope he may long be spared to place his intimate knowledge of affairs and vast experience in the Far East, at the service of His Majesty's Government at Home. (Applause.)

With these remarks I beg to move the adoption of the Report and Accounts, and when seconded I shall be pleased to answer any questions to the best of my ability. (Applause.)

Mr. G. Miskin said:—Sir: It is my pleasant duty to rise and second the motion before the meeting. Our Chairman has already covered the principal features of the report very exhaustively and there is little that I can add to the excellent address to which we have just listened. I am sure, however, that I am giving expression to the feelings of the members of this Chamber, when I offer our very hearty thanks to the Committee and to their extremely energetic Secretary for the substantial work they have done on our behalf during the year under review. (Applause.) One point, to which our Chairman has already given prominence cannot, I think, be too strongly emphasised. The greatest drawback with which merchants have at present to contend is undoubtedly the extremely poor cable service, and until this service is improved a great deal of good business must of necessity be lost. In the matter of repairs of cables, the Telegraph Companies appear to be doing all that is possible and it is, of course, unreasonable to expect any immediate speeding of the time taken by cables in transit. I cannot help thinking, however, that more might be done by the Telegraph Companies to prevent mutilation. At present it is the exception rather than the rule to receive a telegram containing no mutilated words.

On Page 29 of the report before you, you will have read of the action

taken on December 12th, 1918 by the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce for the exclusion of German subjects from trading in the Colony. You will, most of you, recall the unanimity which prevailed in this Chamber when a similar resolution was adopted in 1917. It is extremely gratifying and encouraging to find how very general has been the endorsement in other Colonies of the timely action taken by the Hongkong British Chamber of Commerce at that time. Gentlemen, I have pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts. (Applause.)

The Chairman:—It has been proposed by myself and seconded by Mr. Miskin that the Report and Accounts as presented be adopted. Those in favour please signify the same in the usual manner. Against? Carried unanimously.

Mr. J. L. Crockett:—Mr. Chairman, I have much pleasure in proposing that following gentlemen be elected to the Committee *en bloc*:
The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, the Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr, the Hon. Mr. J. Johnstone, the Hon. Mr. N. J. Stabb, O.B.E., Messrs. A. O. Lang, C. S. Gubbay, C. H. P. Hay, J. A. Plummer, P. Ross Thomson, and G. M. Dodwell.

Mr. Monteith Webb:—I have much pleasure in seconding that.

The Chairman:—You are at liberty to add any nominations to those proposed by Mr. Crockett if you wish. There being no further additions, it has been proposed by Mr. Crockett and seconded by Mr. Monteith Webb that the Committee as presented on the lists on the seats be elected for the current year. Those in favour please hold up their hands. Against? Carried unanimously. The next business is the election of new members who have been duly proposed and seconded during the year, namely:—Messrs. Brunner Mond & Co., Ltd., Messrs. E. A. Beaumont & Co., Messrs. Cooper & Co., Messrs. Walter Ford & Co., Messrs. Getz Bros. & Co., of the Orient, Ltd., Messrs. Hastings, Hodge & Co., Ltd., Messrs. Holland Pacific Trading Co., Messrs. Hongkong Import and China Produce Export Co., Messrs. Mitsubishi Sogo Kaisha, Messrs. Rudolf Wolff and Kew Ltd., Messrs. D. S. Stern & Co., Messrs. Silva-Netto & Co., Messrs. Thomas W. Simmons & Co., Messrs. P. A. Xavier & Co.

I beg to propose that these firms and names mentioned be elected.

Hon. Mr. Holyoak:—I have much pleasure in seconding.

The Chairman:—It is proposed by myself and seconded by Mr. Holyoak that the firms and names read be elected members of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce. Those in favour please hold up their hands. Against? Carried unanimously. That is all the business gentlemen, I thank you for your attendance. I will ask the incoming committee to remain behind.

Mr. H. Percy Smith:—May I say one word. I want to know whether the Chamber as a Chamber can take any notice or any action as regards the extremely unsatisfactory and inefficient telephone service of the Colony. (Applause.) I spoke some ago to one of your officials and he assures me we all thought that and he said why don't you go to the Chamber and speak about it. I venture to ask the incoming committee to consider the matter and see whether anything can be done and possibly change the system altogether if necessary. We have an old fashioned system. I have seen two systems at work which were entirely different to ours and infinitely superior.

The Chairman: This matter has not been brought before the Committee before and I have no doubt that the incoming committee will take any necessary steps that members will wish in this matter. I may say how-

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE BISHOP'S SERMON.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

SIR.—The remarks by one signed "Amused," in your last night's issue, are only such as one would have expected as a natural sequence to his Lordship's sermon of last Sunday.

The tone of the letter conveys the impression that the writer was "disturbed" rather than "amused."

The Lord Bishop evidently knows well that Hongkong is a hard nut to crack and that the only means of making any impression is by telling it exactly what he thinks of it. Of course, people do not like to be told the truth about themselves, particularly when their failings are exposed. Yet, no faithful bishop or minister of the Gospel of Christ can allow such considerations to count, when it is his duty to reprove.

The fact is—and "Amused" is perfectly well aware of it—that Hongkong's GOD is MONEY. It was not in a day, that the typical and pitiable money-grubber came to his present state of indifference to lofty ideals. Money and pleasure have formed around him a hard crust upon which mere words can make but little impression. However, it is interesting to note that one such individual has been awakened to the extent of "amusement"; let us hope that this same person will have pluck honestly to examine himself in the light of the Bishop's remarks and may soon take a step higher. It will take time to reform.

The only outstanding feature about the second and third paragraphs of "Amused's" letter, beyond that they display bad taste, is that "Amused" is quite ignorant of facts. When he has devoted to some noble cause a proportionate one-tenth of that which, in money and kind, the Lord Bishop has expended in spreading the Catholic Faith in the vast Diocese of Victoria, Hongkong, many of us will be glad to hear anything more he may have to say regarding the price of camels or goats (if he likes) in Abraham's day. Meanwhile, we should be much more interested were "Amused" to contribute an article to the *China Mail* entitled: "How SOME Fortunes have been amassed in Hongkong."

Enclosing my card,
I am, Sir,
Yours etc.,
C. M.

Hongkong, 30th March.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

HONGKONG C.C.

In this tournament, two matches were played yesterday. Mrs. McElderry and J. R. Wood were easily defeated by Mrs. Winslow and Redmond. Scores: 6-0, and 6-2. This put Mrs. Winslow and Redmond in the semi-finals, which they are expected to win.

In the open double contest between Messrs. A. A. Rumjahn and S. H. Ismail against Capt. Oliver and Davis, the first pair defeated the officers at scores of 6-1, 6-3, and 7-5, but lost one game at a score of 4-6. This match was closely contested, and the Indian players gave a magnificent display, which greatly interested the spectators. Rumjahn, if anything, was "no active," and missed several good opportunities in his over-enthusiasm. Ismail played less hard but more accurately, and the pair gave an admirable performance. Capt. Davies held back his partner; Capt. Oliver, by weak service, but Capt. Oliver worked very hard to overcome this handicap. He was not successful in meeting the fast service of Rumjahn, however. Messrs. Rumjahn and Ismail will next play against Messrs. A. H. Rumjahn and Ng See Kwong.

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There is not the slightest doubt that improvement is required as you have pointed out.

Mr. Smith: Thank you Sir. The meeting then terminated.

YACHTING.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

In the race for the Commodore's and Vice-Commodore's Cups on Saturday, a brisk E.N.E. wind was blowing. The course covered was Lyemun Beacon (p.), Mark boat on starting line (s.), K-woon Rock (s.), and Channel Rocks (s.), a total of 8.8 miles.

The Handicaps raced with the One Designs, the winner taking the Commodore's cup and the first boat in the other class the Vice-Commodore's cup.

In the Handicap class "Dione" won and so gained the Commodore's cup. "Ailsa," a One-Design, was 2nd and took the Vice-Commodore's cup.

In the Heyward-Héys and Gael class, "The Gael" was first, winning the Commodore's cup; whilst "Ursula," being 2nd, took the Vice-Commodore's cup.

The presented cups of the championship winners were sailed for in the same race and were won as follows:—

"Dorothea," cup for Handicap class, won by "Dione."

"Ailsa," cup for One Designs, won by "Daphne."

"Ursula," cup for Heyward-Héys, won by "Sirius."

"Joan," cup for Gael class, won by "Gael."

The race for the Commodore's and Vice-Commodore's cups in the Cruiser classes was sailed off on Sunday, 21st inst., in a variable wind over the following course:—Tathong Rock (p.), Lyemun Beacon (p.), Channel Rocks (p.), starting from Murray Pier and finishing at the Yacht Club, =12.9 miles.

In the English rig, "Norseman" won the Commodore's cup, and "Azuma" secured the Vice-Commodore's cup. In the Chinese rig "Niobe" won the Commodore's cup and "Lady Jean" the Vice-Commodore's cup.

On Saturday next there will be a race for all those racing yachts which have sailed consistently throughout the season and have not won a prize, for the "Nil Desperandum" cup, kindly presented by Mr. D. K. Blair.

On Sunday a race for those cruisers which have raced consistently and have not won a prize will be sailed. Mr. D. K. Blair having presented this prize.

Of the racing yachts the following are eligible:—"Jessica," "Colleen," "Haleyon," "Lola," and "Thecla," whilst in the cruisers "Aileen," "Feathers," "Queen Bee," "Mist," "Helen," and "Dorothy II." are eligible.

The closing cruise will be held on Saturday, April 10.

C.Y.C.

The following are the results of the closing cruise of the C.Y.C. sailed on Sunday:—

Cruiser Championship.—1, "Azuma" (sailed by Mr. P. M. Hodgson); 2, "Norseman" (sailed by Mr. E. M. Sleight).

Handicap and One-Design Class Championship.—1, "Kora" (sailed by Mr. A. U. Goucher); 2, "Daphne" (sailed by Mr. F. Smyth).

Heyward-Héys Class Championship.—1, "Ursula" (sailed by Mr. H. E. Scriven); 2, "Sirius" (sailed by Mr. H. S. Rouse); 3, "Ursula" (sailed by Mr. H. S. Rouse).

Gael Class Championship.—1, "Joan" (sailed by Mr. P. M. Hodgson); 2, "Gael" (sailed by Mr. R. J. Dixon).

Warren Memorial Cup.—"Tointette" (sailed by Lieut. Colthurst); 2, "Bellies" (sailed by Lieut. Colthurst); 3, "Ursula" (sailed by Mr. H. S. Rouse).

Commodore's Cup.—"Ursula" (sailed by Mr. H. S. Rouse); 2, "Gael" (sailed by Mr. R. J. Dixon).

Cruiser Championship Winner's Cup.—"Heien" (sailed by Mr. W. Cornell); 2, "Ursula" (sailed by Mr. H. S. Rouse).

Handicap and One-Design Championship Winner's Cup.—"Ailsa" (sailed by Mr. R. D. Cromartie); 2, "Ursula" (sailed by Mr. R. J. Dixon).

Heyward-Héys Championship Winner's Cup.—"Dawn" (sailed by Mr. J. Finch); 2, "Ursula" (sailed by Mr. H. S. Rouse).

Gael Championship Winner's Cup.—"Tointette" (sailed by Lieut. Colthurst); 2, "Sweepstake" (sailed by Lieut. Colthurst); 3, "Gael" (sailed by Mr. R. J. Dixon).

Handicap and One-Design Class.—"Dione" (sailed by Capt. T. Arthur); 2, "Norseman" (sailed by Mr. P. M. Hodgson); 3, "Ursula" (sailed by Mr. H. S. Rouse).

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BIG HAUL OF OPIUM ON "EMPRESS OF JAPAN."

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What is considered one of the largest hauls of opium ever made in this Colony, was effected by Chief Preventive Officer "Jack" Wildin, and men of the Revenue Department, on board the s.s. "Empress of Japan" yesterday morning.

Acting on information received, Mr. Wildin and his folk boarded the Empress liner at 11.30 yesterday morning, just prior to her sailing for America, and searched the ship for contraband. They naturally started operations in the crew's quarters, but found nothing. Then, more with the intention of being systematic than on account of any very great suspicion, they decided to search the cabin of a European stewardess before leaving the ship. After a few minutes search in this cabin, one of the searchers came upon a suspicious looking parcel, which, when opened, was found to contain a large quantity of opium, which was undoubtedly destined to be smuggled into America. Enquiries were then made on board, and the stewardess gave information that a cabin boy was seen in her cabin, and had been chased out by her. He (the cabin boy) was in charge of several cabins on board the ship, but he had nothing to do with the stewardess's cabin, and had no business to go in there. The defendant was then interviewed, and admitted that the opium belonged to him. He also cleared the stewardess of all suspicion, accepting all responsibility on himself. There is no doubt that the stewardess is the unsuspecting victim of this smuggler, and was genuinely unaware of the presence of the drug in her cabin. Satisfied with the enquiries they made, the search party took the cabin boy into their custody and removed him and the drug to the Police station, where he was locked up for one night. The Empress liner was, of course, allowed to proceed on her voyage—a couple of hours behind the scheduled time.

This morning, the cabin boy was brought before Mr. N. L. Smith and charged with the unlawful possession, on board the Empress liner, in the harbour of the Colony, of 1,080 taels of prepared non-Government opium, valued at \$12,000. He admitted the charge, but refused to say anything about himself.

Chief Preventive Officer Wildin, who prosecuted, outlined the facts of the case in brief, and then asked his Worship to impose the maximum penalty on the defendant, which was a fine representing no less than ten times the value of the drug.

A fine of \$120,000, or, in default, six months' hard labour was imposed. The opium was confiscated.

Needless to say, the defendant elated to do the six months, and save the fortune, if he had it.

SKETCH CLUB ENJOY PEAK PARTY.

The meeting of the Sketch Club at Mrs. Basil Taylor's yesterday afternoon was one of those socials that one remembers later with a keen sense of pleasure. There is nothing "banal" about parties arranged by Mrs. Basil Taylor, and this one was in the same line as the amateur theatricals of last February. There was an exhibition of Col. Loring's Sketching Club and other artists. The main subject was the study of a Chinese, junk, but there was also an open class for other subjects. We noticed particularly a fine pen-and-ink sketch with smooth lines, very carefully drawn; its author must have devoted to it lots of pleasant hours. Major Bowen and Col. Loring exhibited some of their own sketches. The prize for the season was won by Mrs. Basil Taylor.

Music was one of the pleasures of the afternoon. A Norwegian lady sang Spanish and Scandinavian songs and played on the guitar. Mrs. Bowen sang also very charmingly. Miss Stella Benson whistled two Italian tunes, accompanying herself on the guitar. She modestly told us that she was out of practice, but we enjoyed her whistling all the same.

There were about thirty people present. We can't name them all; we noticed among others Mrs. Lawrence Hunts, Mrs. Graham-Smith, Major and Mrs. Bowen and her two daughters, Mrs. and Miss Delacombe, Mrs. Wyndham, Mrs. Benton Byrd, Miss Gurner, the Captain and several officers of H.M.S. "Cairo."

Miss Stella Benson had on a necklace composed of fifty Chinese beads; each of them was given to her in a farewell dinner party at San Francisco by a fervent admirer of her helpful novels.

It was quite late in the afternoon when Mrs. Basil Taylor's guests broke up the very pleasant party.

NOTICES.

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ANIMALS OF INTEREST.

FURTHER SECRETS OF UNKNOWN SOUTH AFRICA.

When the pigmy negroes from the forests of the Upper Congo were shown round the Zoological Gardens some twelve or more years ago they evinced the greatest excitement at sight of the zebra, and brandishing their assegais, ejaculated, "Okapi, okapi!"

The error was quite intelligible, says Mr. R. I. Pocock, F.R.S., in Conquest. Dwelling themselves in the fastness of the forest, they had never met with zebras, which live in Africa only in the open plains and mountains. Very naturally, therefore they mistook the zebra for our menagerie for the big, striped, large-eared ungulate quadruped, known to them as an okapi, which for generations their tribes had hunted and trapped in its native forest home.

As attested by the remarkable story of the discovery of the okapi, those little people were anticipated by English men of science in confusing the two African animals, which the difference that the black savages inverted the idea of the white men who for a long while considered the okapi to be a species of forest zebra.

In the appendix to Stanley's In Darkest Africa it was stated that the forest dwarfs of the Upper Congo were acquainted with a large animal, like a donkey, which they were accustomed to trap in pitfalls. This paragraph so stimulated Sir Harry Johnston's interest that he determined to institute inquiries, should fate ever lead him to that part of Africa. His subsequent appointment as Special Commissioner to the Uganda Protectorate gave him in the chance he longed for, and he was not slow to avail himself of it. Guided by a party of pigmies, whom he had rescued from a German press-gang and wished to restore to their native haunts, he made his way into the forests of the Semliki, gathering the while information about this practically unknown animal, not only from the black dwarfs themselves, but also from the officials of the Belgian Congo, who for years had been employing native hunters to bring them carcasses of the okapi, without in the least realising the scientific interest of the species.

In the forest the pigmies pointed to the spoor of a large cloven-footed animal and pronounced it to be the foot-prints of the okapi; but so strongly was Sir Harry Johnston prepossessed with the idea that the affinities of the okapi lay with the solid-footed zebras, and not with the cleft-footed antelopes, that he rejected this testimony of the proximity of the creature he had come so far and suffered so much to seek.

FOREST-LIFE CONDITIONS. But it was not until the autumn of the present year that a young specimen of the okapi, presented to the King of the Belgians, was brought alive to Europe and deposited in the gardens at Antwerp. The capture of other calves, it is true, had been reported from time to time; but all died before being exported from Africa, probably from the impossibility of giving them proper attention under conditions indescribably difficult for white men to deal with. The Antwerp specimen lived but a few weeks after its arrival. The exact cause of its death is unknown to us; but since many of its internal organs were diseased, it is not unlikely that it paid the penalty for being artificially reared by hand from its earliest days, instead of being left for six months under the care of its mother.

There is no occasion to be discouraged by the failure that has so far met all attempts to keep young okapi alive a reasonable length of time. Scores of young ungulates die after capture in Africa; but, being common, unadvertised animals, nothing is heard of their fate. There is at present no proof, nor indeed any good reason to think, that the okapi is more delicate than the giraffe or any of the African antelopes; and its exhibition in the gardens of Europe or America is assuredly but a question of time.

But popular impressions are hard to kill, and it will be years before the idea that the okapi is a composite creature, half zebra, half antelope, dies a natural death. It has no kinship whatever with the horse tribe, but is the antelope-like ancestor of the giraffe, showing that the latter was originally fitted for forest life and acquired its preposterous length of neck and limb as it became gradually adapted to existence in more open country where there was room to move amongst the scattered trees.

No creature with the build of a giraffe could make head-way amid interlarding boughs, interwined with forest creepers; but the okapi can slip beneath them unimpeded and silently retreat when warned by its keenness of hearing of an enemy's approach. For those great ears have been developed to compensate for the restricted range of vision imposed by the foliage and gloom of its habitat.

UNEXPLORED REGIONS.

It is an open secret that for some years past independent reports of the existence in that largely unexplored region of some big unclassified beast have come to hand sufficiently often to have gained several converts to a belief in its reality. The late Carl

Hagenbeck, an animal dealer of wide experience, accustomed in the interests of his business, to sift fact from fiction in travellers' tales, was firmly convinced of the truth of these reports. He even maintained that the creature in question was a great reptile, a descendant of the so-called Dinosaurs, which according to geological evidence, died out at the close of the Secondary Epoch and gave the mammals their chance of evolution. That opinion does not commend itself on the score of probability. The beast, if it be an objective reality, is most likely an ungulate mammal, and since the meagre data do no more than justify that tentative opinion, the wisest course is to keep an open mind on the subject, never forgetting the truth of the adage, from Africa there always comes something new. — *Straits Times*.

WAR PENSIONS.

It is gratifying to learn that the Select Committee appointed to inquire into the administration of the Pensions Acts, and to make recommendations for the removal and prevention of grievances, in nearly every case suggest increases. The most important of these are—For both pre-war dependency and parents' special need (pension) the maximum limit should be raised in all cases from 15s. to 21s. and lower amounts should be raised 33 per cent. in proportion. In the case of two parents, provided need is proved, the limit should be raised to 40s. The rates of alternative pension for officers and the scales for officers' widows and children should be substantially improved. Pensions of officers' widows with children and of widows of 40 and over, whether with or without children, should be the full two-thirds of the rate for the officer. Officers' widows' alternative pensions should be based on pre-war earnings, loaded up 60 per cent., as in the parallel case of men's widows. For motherless children the limit of 240 should be raised to 260, of which 20 per cent. should be treated as variable, according to the ordinary rule.

In expressing our concurrence with the views of the Select Committee we may point out that the recommendations are based on mere justice. In these pages we have often had occasion to censure the spendthrift tendencies of Government Departments and to emphasise the need of rigid economy if the nation is to escape financial disaster. But as it is now almost universally admitted that on grounds of equity a fair wage for the workers should be the primary charge upon every industry, it would indeed be incongruous if those who had achieved and suffered so much for the national existence should be allowed to remain among the same as they were before the cost of living had more than doubled. For once we can say that the authorities seem prepared to extend national funds in the right direction. The amount involved is not inconsiderable. The number of disabled temporary officers in receipt of pension is approximately 3,000, and the annual charge is in round figures £2,000,000. The number of pensionable wives is estimated at about 10,000, and the charges under the new recommendations will cost roughly £250,000. But who will dare to say that it will not be money most justly and worthily spent? — *United Service Gazette*.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

COAL SITUATION AT HOME.

London, March 29.—The negotiations between the miners' executive and the Coal Controller in respect to the demand of the additional 3s. have been broken off.

Mr. Hodges stated that the position is extremely grave and serious. The Miners' Conference is deciding on the course of action to-morrow.

London, March 29.—The breaking off of the coal negotiations appears to be due to the rising temper of the miners, who, rightly or wrongly, have been very angry since the announcement of the reduction of the prices of bunker coal.

The miners accuse the Cabinet of inspiring the reduction with a view to defeating the miners' demand for a 3s. advance, as it is now declared that the advance, which will cost £24,000,000, would have to be added to the Home coal bill; hence it will be very unpopular throughout the country.

TRANSPORT CONDITIONS IN BRITISH ISLES.

London, March 29.—Sir Eric Geddes, inaugurating the Institute of Transport, denied that chaos existed in the transport industries. The imports and exports of the Port of London exceeded those in 1913. The transport agencies, by meeting the task before them, were contributing towards the reconstruction of the country.

A NIGHT AT THE PICTURES.

5 p.m. Afternoon tea at Wise-man's. Not so crowded as usual. Lost Trotsky again.

5.15 p.m. To the Coronet, to see "A World Aflame." American propaganda picture, dealing with Capital, Labour, and Bolshevism. Wonderful photography, with some clever effects. Poor service (democratic servants) in America well hit off. Strike committee (mostly aliens) indicates that unintelligent persons still construct these plots. Whatever our politics, we must concede that labour leaders are not theatrical fools like that. This strike in an American city is broken by an energetic Mayor with the help of troops. He is a wise guy, and realizes that a victory of brute force over brute force is only temporary. The thing that makes men men is unconquerable. Talks to the bosses and converts them to co-operation on profit sharing basis. All ends well. Problem of "loss sharing" not dealt with. Employee with family who does not save (or who is fleeced of his savings by tuppens and other market-riggers) cannot share losses in a bad year. Knotty problem, very. Picture well worth seeing. Dramatic.

7.30. Auto ride with John. John too garrulous.

8.30. Chinese dinner at the Toto Sing. Very good chow.

9.15. Hongkong Theatre to see "It May Be Your Daughter." Another propaganda picture, by some Purty League of America. Fine photography, but rotten acting in parts. Luscious pictures of goings in a maison tierce, calculated to have very immoral result of sending young men chop-chop to look-see real thing. House crowded with glowering knuts, and others. Purity and prudence seem to be married, somehow.

11.45. Hongkong Hotel for the absolutely last one.

—Extracts from the Diary of a Hongkong Waster.

ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

FORTHCOMING ORATORIO.

The forthcoming performance of Oratorio in St. John's Cathedral on Friday next will be looked forward to with considerable interest, for not only is the programme one of exceptional interest, but the chorus is an exceptionally well balanced one and the list of soloists includes several singers of more than average merit.

Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Brawn and Mr. Howard Freeborn have not, we believe, sung here before, and as all three have had considerable experience and training, their items will be listened to with attention. Mrs. Duncan who has not sung much since she did such excellent work in Mendelssohn's "Elijah" two years ago, is also singing as are also Mr. G. H. Piercy and A. H. Compton. These annual performances of Oratorio which were instituted by Mr. Demman Fuller some years ago, have always been popular and more often than not it has not been possible for many of those present to get seats particularly if they came late. This year although the seating of the Cathedral will be considerably added to, it will probably be more difficult than has yet been the case, as it is well known that there are now many more people in Hongkong than has been the case for some years. For the comfort of all concerned, it is hoped that those who wish to be present will come in good time as the Oratorio will commence at 9.15 p.m. exactly.

DESPONDENCY DUE TO CONSTIPATION.

WOMEN often become nervous and despondent. When this is due to constipation it is easily corrected by taking an occasional dose of Chamberlain's Tablets. These tablets are easy to take and pleasant in effect. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

POST OFFICE.

EASTER HOLIDAYS.

The General Post Office will be open on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th inst. from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. only.

There will be one delivery of ordinary correspondence and one collection from the Pillar Boxes on each of these days also a delivery of Registered correspondence at 8 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

Reading matter intended for the use of the troops proceeding home by the s.s. *Hyon* will, if sent to the G.P.O. be delivered on board the vessel.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

INWARD MAILS.

WEDNESDAY, March 31.

Shanghai—Per TEAN.

Bombay & Straits—TENSIN MARU.

THURSDAY, April 1.

Straits—Per GREGORY APCAR.

Japan—Per KATORI MARU.

FRIDAY, April 2.

Japan—Per TAKAGATA MARU.

SATURDAY, April 3.

Straits—Per CHUPRA.

MONDAY, April 5.

Straits—Per MISHIMA MARU.

WEDNESDAY, April 7.

Straits—Per TOYOOKA MARU.

MONDAY, April 12.

Straits and Calcutta—Per YEBOSHI MARU.

WEDNESDAY, April 14.

Straits—Per SADO MARU.

FRIDAY, April 16.

Australia and Manila—Per AKI MARU.

OUTWARD MAILS.

TUESDAY, March 30.

Fakhoi and Haiphong—Per MOHON.

5 p.m.

Saigon—Per TATOUTSE, 5 p.m.

Fort Bayard—Per CHUEN OY, 5 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, March 31.

Straits, Bangkok and Calcutta—Per JAPAN, Noon.

Philippine Islands, Sandakan, Australia, and New Zealand via Thursday

Islands—Per CHANGSHA, Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 2.30 p.m.

Stalis, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, South Africa, L. Margais, India via Thursday

Islands—Per SUEZ, Registration 5 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.

The Parcel Mail will be closed on Wednesday, March 31st at 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, April 1.

Shanghai and North China—Per SIN-KIANG, 10 a.m.

Shanghai, and North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Honolulu, Canada, United States, Central and South America, and EUROPE via SAN FRANCISCO—Per SHINYU MARU, Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

AMPOY—Per YAN WAI WAI, 9 a.m.

Haiphong—Per GLYMONT, 5 p.m.

Philippine Islands—Per MELVILLE DOLLAR, 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, April 2.

Haiphong—Per KAI FONG, 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow—Per MORIALTA, 9 a.m.

SATURDAY, April 3.

Philippine Islands—Per LOONGSANG, 9 a.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per TEAN, 9 a.m.

*Shanghai, and North China—Per DILWARA, 9 a.m.

SUNDAY, April 4.

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa via Keelung—Per KAI MARU, 9 a.m.

TUESDAY, April 6.

*Swatow and Bangkok—Per CHUSAN, 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow—Per BAIFONG, Noon.

Amoy, and North China—Per SHI KUNG, 3 p.m.

FRIDAY, April 2.

Shanghai, North China, Japan via Nagasaki, Canada, United States, Central and South America, and EUROPE via VICTORIA, B.C.—Per ARABIA MARU, Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

Philippine Islands—Per YUENSANG, 2 p.m.

TUESDAY, April 13.

Philippine Islands—Per TAMING, 3 p.m.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Tenshin Maru* (Bombay Line) left Singapore for this port on the 24th March and is expected here on the 31st March.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Katori Maru* (American Line) left Shanghai for this port on the 28th March and is expected here on the 31st April.

The P. & O. s.s. *Albatross* (P.O. Line) left Singapore for this port on the 27th instant and is due here on the 31st April.

The N.Y.E. s.s. *Hakodate Maru* (Calcutta Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji on the 28th March and is expected here on the 31st April.

The P. & O. s.s. *N. S. Co. s.s. Diliwara* left Singapore for this port on the 28th instant and is due here on the 31st April.

The P. & O. s.s. *N. S. Co. s.s. Chuyra* left Singapore for this port on the 28th instant and is due here on the 31st April.

The N.Y.E. s.s. *Kaga Maru* (European Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji and Shanghai on the 28th March and is expected here on the 31st April.

The N.Y.E. s.s. *Mishima Maru* (European Line) left London for this port via Suez on the 28th Feb. and is expected here on the 31st April.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Tayoko Maru* (European Line) left London for this port via Suez on the 28th Feb. and is expected here on the 31st April.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Yokohama Maru* (Calcutta Line) left Calcutta for this port via Rangoon and Singapore on the 28th March and is expected here on the 31st April.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Sado Maru* (European Line) left London for this port via Suez on the 28th Feb. and is expected here on the 31st April.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Yokohama Maru* (Australian Line) left Sydney for this port via Melbourne on the 28th March and is expected here on the 31st April.

NOTICES.

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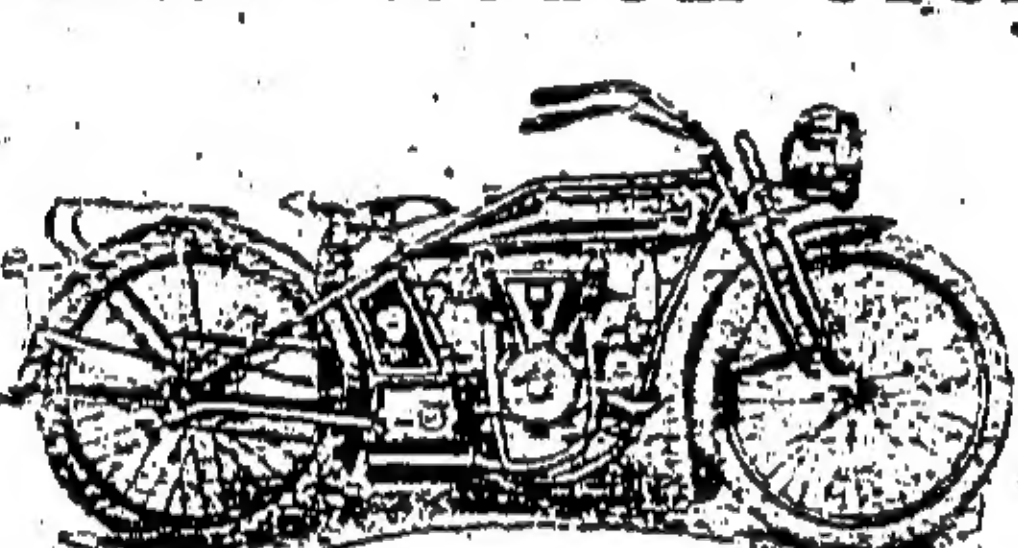
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FLOUR FREIGHTS.

There have been no appreciable changes in trans-Pacific freight rates on flour in the last few weeks. Steamship lines are offering space for June at \$10 to \$12 a ton for Oriental common points, but advices from the coast of the United States indicate another allocation of vessels from the Atlantic to the Pacific service in the near future. With a small amount of additional shipping tonnage it is declared a brisk movement of flour from Puget Sound to the Orient would start. When the ships are available then actual negotiations for space will be opened.

Freight rates are considered a trifle high at present from the Oriental buying viewpoint. Silver exchange in Oriental ports has overcome a large part of the discrepancies in prices, "free on board," Puget Sound, but the balance is not entirely even.

A sharp improvement in conditions for shipping American flour to the Orient this season as compared with last year are indicated in the figures of wheat exports from Puget Sound. Total exports of flour from Puget Sound in the period from June 30 to January 1, 1919 were 2,320,429 barrels, as compared with 2,195,658 barrels in the previous season.

Puget Sound millers declare the wheat supply in this country is not nearly as large as the United States Grain Corporation has estimated it. The corporation gives the merchantable 1919 crop at 917,000,000 bushels. Millers assert that exports will have reduced this amount by 225,000,000 bushels and consumption for domestic food purposes by 577,500,000 bushels more; that reserves for seed will be 85,000,000 bushels; and for feed 75,000 bushels.

In addition the estimate of the holdings on the bushel unit system is pronounced erroneous, as between 8 and 10 percent of the crop was light weight requiring that much more to produce a barrel of flour. Wheat that normally weighs standard has been found so light that it is not regarded as safe to measure it on the higher averages.

FILIPINO INDEPENDENCE.

The Philippines are determined to have their independence, according to Maxime M. Kalaw, secretary of a mission to the United States, who was in Seattle recently on his way home to the Philippines. Within a year another mission composed of members of the legislature, labour advocates and prominent business men will be sent to America to press the claims for independence, is the assertion of Mr. Kalaw.

"We feel the time has come for the United States to redeem its pledges," said the secretary. "It is stronger than that. It is an obligation which all parties now recognize. We are not a commission of politicians, nor of special interests, but a duly constituted body named by the Filipino legislature. About forty composed the last mission and as many more will be members of the mission to be sent out within a year.

"The Philippine nation is asking independence in any form the States is willing to give it to us. We have proposed that America might grant our request under one of the four following plans:

1. Independence for the Philippines under the league of nations.
2. Independence, absolute and complete.
3. Independence under a treaty of neutrality between the United States and Japan and other powers, establishing us as a neutral nation somewhat after the pattern of Holland.
4. Independence under a protectorate from the United States, to endure for a term of years, or until the United States is willing to give us absolute independence.

"Our feelings toward the United States are filial, loyal and reverent. We have no grievance against the American government except the natural desire of our people to be free. There has been no disorder in the islands for six years. We subscribed double our quota for every American bond issue. Confidence in our friendliness has been shown us in that the United States has withdrawn every white soldier from the islands.

ENTERTAINMENT.

THEATRE ROYAL
HONGKONG.

TO-NIGHT at 9.15.

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BRITISH AND AMERICAN

MOTOR INTERESTS

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The rumour which started motor

circles in Great Britain several weeks

ago is definitely confirmed.

John N. Willys, the motor-car sales-

man who turned £70 into £16,000,000

in nine years, to-day President of the

Willys-Overland Company of Toledo,

Ohio, U.S.A., and many subsidiary

companies, is now President of a new

British-American Motor-car Company

which will manufacture all-British

Overland Cars at Heaton Chapel,

Manchester.

Willys-Overland Crossley Limited,

a company representing an association

of two leading American and British

motor-car interests—the Willys-

Overland Company of Toledo, Ohio,

U.S.A., and the executives of Crossley

Motors, Limited, of Gorton, Manches-

ter—will make the latest Overland

Four Model from start to finish, using

British labour and materials as far as

possible.

Thus for the first time in motor-

car history American interests have

come across the sea to combine

American capital and brains with

British, in a company of which the

majority of shareholders are British,

and which is solidly supporting

British industry. The new company

has adopted the most successful

American methods of mass pro-

duction, a system of standardisation

of parts whereby the greatest

economy and efficiency are attained

at a minimum cost.

At the outset, the Willys-Overland

Company of America will supply

parts necessary for immediate re-

quirements in assembling cars. It is

expected, however, that the new

Overland factory at Heaton Chapel

will be actually manufacturing all the

parts for Overland cars within the

next year. This factory, which was

completed in 1918, and was used

for the manufacture of D.H. 9 Bom-

bing Aeroplanes, occupies an area

of more than thirteen acres, and is

planned on modern lines. The heat-

ing, ventilation, and lighting sys-

tems are as near perfection as

possible. It is, in fact, one of the

most up-to-date industrial plants, well

adapted for all labour-saving devices,

and eminently suitable for quantity

production under American methods.

The new company will supply first

the requirements of the British mar-

ket, and, later, a large percentage of

the export demand. It is expected

that more than 7,000 cars, already

on order, will be delivered in the

British market during 1920.

The Willys-Overland Company of

America is recognised as one of the

most successful manufacturers of

motor-cars in the world. It is the

grown-up Overland Company, which

John N. Willys, by his courage,

ability, and personality, rescued from

bankruptcy in 1907 and expanded so

that to-day its total net assets amount

to £22,375,000.

The story of how Mr. Willys in-

duced an "hotel clerk" of Indianapolis

to collect all the small change in his

hotel, and so raised the £70 necessary

to meet the factory pay roll and

save the company, later raising

£1,500 from his friends to keep the

Overland factory in production; and

having acquired the factory, set it

on its present mammoth proportions,

reads like the most fantastical

Haroun-el-Raschid romance.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

THE CORONET

TO-NIGHT, at 5.15 and 9.15 p.m.

FRANK KEENAN

IN

"THE WORLD AFLAME."

At 7.15 p.m.

"THE CIRCUS KING"

Episodes 13 and 14.

VICTORIA THEATRE.

TO-NIGHT! 5.15 p.m. TO-NIGHT!!

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